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Nov 17 6

Sir

Your letter of the 19th
inst. was received to day.

You labor under a serious
misapprehension. By depositing
in the U.S. legal tender notes with
the Treasurer of the United
States, you can procure an
equal amount of subsidiary
silver coin in return, but
not any greater amount

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Servt

Wm. P. F. Brady,
Tuscaloosa.
Ala

Nov. 17 1806

Sir

Referring to your letter of
the 3rd inst. ultimo, authorizing
the use of the new design for
the Spanish Eagle on the coin for
1807, I premised that Dies of
the same and the Engraved Models
should satisfy ourselves that
by a sufficient number of Trials
under the coining press and in
the ordinary manner, that the
Dies could use as readily as
in the case of the former coin,
and that the Legends, inscriptions
&c. are completely brought
out in striking. I therefore now
beg leave to state that two Dies
have this day been delivered to
the Mint Director as
the Models suggested, and with

[illegible] that were entirely destitute of the three officers [illegible] ordered separate certificates [illegible] herewith enclosed, and [illegible] of the Directors [illegible] in his letter aforesaid [illegible] have given directions [illegible] new designs be used [illegible] the Bank Notes issued from [illegible] year 1877.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Washington D.C.

Gentlemen.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of 253 Iron Chests, the property of the Government &c. & the Director of the Mint, as per last Requisitions, and report that I have issued Check No. 6837 for Two hundred and Forty three thousand and (240 000) Dollars, in favor of Coxe, on first payment for same.

By Sending your letters by Cleveland & Buffalo we are generally delayed 48 or 5 hours in despatching of your letters. Why not make the statements the day before shipping the letters?

Yours Truly
Wm. L. Hoffman
Mint Clerk

Very Respy
Jos. Wood
Supt

March 6

Sir

I draw this day Check
No. 6089 in favor of L. Von
Hoffmann & Co. for $200.000
Dollars Cash, in part payment
for the Bullion delivered

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Chief Assay. Office
New York.

Have not received the Statements &
Vouchers for Shipping the Bullion!
Please forward by Express

Yours Truly

Supt.

Nov. 17th 6

Sir.

Please draw Transfer Order for Twenty Six Thousand Dollars, ($26.000) to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and oblige

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. A. H. Hayman
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 18 6

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending November 18. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jos Ellis Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Nov 18 6

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 16th inst. complaining that Treasury Transfer Order No. 8796, in your favour for subsidiary Silver Coin, has not been filled.

In reply I have to state that no such order has been received at this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas R Eyre
Supt

Wm B Lewis Esq
Asst Treas U. S.
Cincinnati
Ohio

Nov 18 6

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of our Military and Exploring Military operations and Expenditures and Disbursements for the month of October 1846.

I also enclose an accompanying letter from the Military and Explorers

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jas Bell
Lieut

Hon.
A. P. Upshur
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

U S Mint Phil Mar 26. 6

Mr Hilgard. Coast Survey
Washington. D.C

Mr Lane is here and occasionally at the Mint. Cannot see what delay there were.

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Nov-20 6

Sir.

I herewith enclose list of stationery and other articles, with samples, needed for the use of this Mint, and will thank you to hand them forwarded at the earliest convenient moment. Some of our supplies and running short. Will you please see that send attention is paid to the quality of the articles sent.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
N. P. Banks
Secretary of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S. Will you please hand immediately the enclosed letter to Mr. Pollock.

Nov 20 6

Sir

I herewith enclose duplicate receipt of the Adams Express Company for a box of pistols for your Bank, as per your order.

The bill $83. in favor of Wm. Cooper, Philadelphia, has been forwarded to the Director of the Mint, for payment and of the appropriation to the Gard Bank

Very Respectfully

James Crawford Esq
Cash. U. S. Mint.
Savannah
Geo

Nov-20 6

Sir.

We need five hundred dollars ($500) in gold coin to be applied to the payment of the expenses of the Refinery.

Please send a draft for the amount to be forwarded to me as soon as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pugh

Supt

Navy.

R. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 21 6

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 20th inst. is at hand.

The Naval Cannon from which Small Arms, as their carriages &c. are supplied by the Ordnance Department. Should you require them on this subject. They are generally kept on hand there.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Lush

Messrs.

Simmons Hard.

Philadelphia

Telegram Nov. 22nd 6

R. E. Preston, Acting Director Mint
Washington. D.C.

Immense amount of Silver received nearly all at one time. Assaying and Calculating as rapidly as possible. Cannot do any better. Will pay as soon as possible, probably early next week.

Pd. Govt. Rates.

J. W. Pollock
Supt.

Nov. 22nd 6

Nov. 22nd 6

Dear Sir

We have this day drawn on you at 60. 7d/d in favor of Messrs Bryan Brothers & Co. for $ 37.387.42 Thirty seven thousand three hundred & eighty seven 42/100 Dollars payable as per advice.

Very Respectfully

Messrs. Geo. T. Hollister Esq
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Nov 22nd 6

Gentlemen

Please find enclosed Sight Draft No 6240 for Sixty Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty two Dollars 05/100 Gold Coin in full payment for shipment of 238 Bbls Sobrel Asphaltum per Schr Emily Coy.

Very Respectfully

Messrs Leon Hoffmann & Co.
New York

Nov. 22nd 6

Sir

By direction of the Cashier of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal., and under the instructions of the Director of the Mint, I enclose herewith my Check No. 68411, on the Assistant Treas. U.S. N.Y. and in your favor, for Three hundred and Seventy eight Thousand Three hundred & eighty nine 43/100 ($378.389.43) Dollars, Gold Coin, which please collect and place to the credit of aforesaid Bank, receipting to me for the same per form enclosed.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Ryan
Supt

To
Cashier
Bank of New York, N.B.A.
New York.

Nov 22 6

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt this morning of your letter of the 21st inst, advising me of the purchase of fifty thousand ounces (50,000) silver from Messrs J & W Seligman and Co., New York, at 117½ cents per ounce fine, and to be delivered at this Mint, and paid for by me through the usual channel, I have to request that, if possible, the delivery of this silver be delayed for a short time, to enable us to get other shipments out of the way, to make room for it. We have received so far this month

owed and hundred and four-
teen (114) tons of fine silver,
and our hitherto small space
is choked up by the unusual
quantities of bullion suddenly
thrown upon us.

We are pushing things early
and late, and as days after
you this morning and assaying
and calculating as rapidly as
possible, and are anxious
to avoid the aggravations of
the delays of the silver, each
of which, we ignorance of the
alterations by the return ex-
press this consignment to be
sent immediately, regardless
of the general pressure upon
the mint.

Redeemed mined coins from
Merchants Treasurer and being
thrown upon us by the ton, and

this extra demand upon our much room adds to my embarrassment.

Send telegraphing you this morning, we have completed and will pay for four invoices of the Nevada Bank amounting to $500.00.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Sullivan
Supt

R. S. Rutter, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 22 @ 6

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for Six thousand two hundred and twenty (6220.) Dolls. to reimburse you for Coin withdrawn from your Redemption Fund for recoinage, 1 & 2 Inst. (Inst. Instant) Cts.

Very Respectfully

[illegible] Supt.

Hon. A. W. Wyman
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 28th 6

Sirs

Referring to my letter of
even date as to my Auctions, I
hold you herewith Check No 8892
in your favor, for Two Hundred
and Fifteen Thousand Six Hun-
dred and Forty Five ^{215645} Dollars, Gold Coin, which please
collect and please to credit
of Nevada Bank of San
Francisco, Cal, and oblige
to me Per Your enclosed

Very Respectfully

[redacted]

A. Cashier of
Bank of New York &c.
New York

Nov. 22nd 6

Sir.

I draw this day Check
No. 6842, favor of the
Bank of New York, N.Y.
for $215.645.42, in pay-
ment for Silver Purchased

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Supt

Hon. Thos J. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Nov. 23rd 6

Gentlemen.

I am this morning in receipt of an order from the Acting Director of the Mint, requiring me to place on file with my bullion a/c's, vouchers for the payment of funds for the purchase of Silver Bullion, one set of which I desire to retain in my office, the other (or duplicate) to be forwarded to the Department

May I trouble you to attach your signature to the enclosed, as the duplicate, and return to me as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs Laidlaw & Co
New York

Nov. 23rd 6

Gentlemen.

The Treasury Department having required me to file vouchers for the payment of moneys for the Purchase of Silver Bullion, and desiring to retain a set of vouchers in my own office, I respectfully ask that you will oblige me by receipting the enclosed, as a duplicate, (which covers payments made to you during April May & June only) and return to me as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Ross
Supt

Messrs. E. Kelly & Co
New York

Nov. 23d 6

Sir.

The Treasury Department having requested me furnish vouchers for filing for Silver Bullion Purchased, and nothing to retain a set for my own office, I respectfully ask that you will sign the inclosed form and return to me, it being for the Silver purchased from you by the Director in August last.

Very Respectfully Your

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Parker Handy Esq.
New York

Nov. 23rd 6

Sir.

Since mailing you my checks for the Silver purchased from the Nevada Bank, I have been requested by the Treasury Department to file with my a/cs, vouchers from the parties to whom the payments are made; and as I am desirous that my own office should be supplied with such vouchers, may I trouble you to sign the inclosed receipt for 2 checks sent you, the same to be the duplicate. Please return the receipt as soon as possible.

Very respectfully Yours

Supt.

To the
Cashier of
The Bank of New York, N.B.A
N.Y.

Nov. 23rd 6

Gentlemen.

Enclosed I hand a duplicate receipt for the amount of my several checks sent you in payments on a/c. of Silver Purchases, which you will oblige by signing and returning to me for the files of this office, the receipt heretofore received from you being required for the files of the Treasury Department.

I will in a day or two remit you the balance, or a part thereof, due on your Silver.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pickel
Supt.

Messrs. L. von Hoffman & Co.
New York

Nov 23rd 6

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith Check No. 6843, for One Hundred and twenty two Thousand one Hundred Eighty one 59/100 ($122181.59) Dollars, Gold Coin, in full for Silver Bullion purchased @ 116 1/2 fine - (2nd lot.)

I also enclose receipt in duplicate for the above, and also a receipt for some slots, which the Treasury Dept. required for its files. Be kind enough to sign and return as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs J. W. Seligman & Co.
New York

Nov. 23rd 6

Sir.

I draw this day check No. 6843 favor J. & W. Seligman & Co. for $122,181.52 Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Purchases.

Very Respectfully Your's

[signature] Supt

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Nov. 24th 6

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours inclosing receipts for checks. The bullion from the Nevada Bank for which the payments are made is invoiced as follows - viz:

Invoice marked "C"		Mint Valuation	
Gross Ozs	129.941.50	Std Oz. 114.443.42.	154.373.91
"	95.779.83	" 106.447.92.	113.766.21
"	41.705.18	" 46.330.69	49.516.91
	267.426.51	297.222.03	317.656.03
Invoice marked "C.V."		Std. Oz	
Gross Oz.	94.846.80	" 105.448.84.	112.698.45
"	93.735.72	" 104.156.32.	111.307.07
"	44.088.13	" 48.994.91	52.363.30
	232.670.65	258.600.07	276.378.82

R. B. Lewis Esq.
Cashier
Bank of New York

Very Respectfully Yours
J. A. Collins
Supt

Nov 24 6

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 22d inst. (R. & S.) received this morning, with regard to my requisition of the 20th inst. for Stationery &c, I have to state that if the requisition is to be limited to the remaining portion of the current six months ending December 31st proximo, I will thank you to return the requisition, and I will have one made out for the month of December, and another one for the succeeding six months, so near as I can determine what our wants and likely to be.

Very Respectfully

Chas H. Conant, Esq
Asst Sec of State Treasury

Jas Pollock
Dirs

Nov 24 6

Gentlemen.

Your statement of 14 & 57/100 dollars and Bullion were received this A.M. from the Director's office at Washington, the same having been instructed to him.

By the law and regulations of the Mint the charges for refining must be made, but in this case, if the bars are rough enough and of sufficient good quality, the charge will be quite small if any.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kirk
Supt.

Messrs.
J. & W. Seligman, & Co.
New York.

Nov. 20th 6

Gentlemen.

I hand you herein Check No. 68458 for Sixty two Thousand three Hundred and Twenty Seven 92/100 ($62,327.92) Dollars, Gold Coin, being the balance due on shipment of 245 Silver Bars.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. P. Cook
Supt.

Messrs. Loon Hoffmann & Co.
New York

Mint of the U.S.
Philada, Nov. 24. 1876

Sir.

I draw this day in favor of Messrs. L. von Hoffmann & Co. New York, Check No. 68424 for $62.327.99 Gold Coin in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Nov 24 6

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 22d inst has been received.

The coin spoken enclosed is a base counterfeit, a combination metal with scarcely a trace of silver, if any, Brass and it presents the appearance of a coin that had been in circulation, and thereby deceive the unsuspecting.

Very truly yours

John Young
Supt

James A Bampfield Esq
Hamilton
Ohio

Nov. 25th 6

Dear Sir.

I have received your letter of yesterday regarding the duplicate receipts, and I beg to inform you that the same was unsealed, and no receipt inclosed. I suppose it is an oversight and that before this reaches you, you will have discovered the error and mailed the missing voucher. If not I will forward another for your signature next week.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Supt

Parker Handy Esq.

New York

Nov 25 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forwards Corners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending November 25th 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Washington

D.C.

Nov 26 6

Sir

Your letter of the 23 d inst has been received.

The Mint makes silver coins for the U. S. Government only, and not for private depositors. Under the law and existing regulations, all silver bullion deposited at the Mint by private parties is paid for in gold coin, at the rate of $1.00 3/4 per ounce standard. Your deposit was paid for in this way, and the returns sent you and correct.

If you want subsidiary silver coin the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Chicago will supply you, in exchange for lawful currency or U.S. notes

Very Respectfully

Jno. [illegible]

Mrd. Hyman.
Chicago, Ill.

Nov. 25th 6

Sir.

I inclose herewith receipts from Messrs. Kelly, and Laidlaw & Co. for payments made to them on full for bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully Your

[signature]
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director
Washington
D.C.

U. S. Mint. Philadelphia, Nov 25 6

H. R Linderman. Director of the Mint.
San Francisco Cal.

Sir Herewith [illegible] will be forwarded on Monday.

Telegram

Jas Pollock
Supt

Nov. 24th 6

Sir.

I have this morning received from the Director of the Mint to whom it was directed, the receipt for $54.699 46, referred to in yours of the 24th inst.

Please accept my thanks for your attention.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Cox
Supt.

Parker Handy Esq
New York

Nov 27 6

Sir

In reply to your suggestion of the 24th inst, to ship to the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York, from the vaults of this Mint a sufficient sum in gold coin to enable me to make payment for silver purchased, I have to state that the same suggestion was made to the Director some time ago, but he did not regard it favorably.

After paying in full for such silver as we have on hand there will be an available balance in New York of, say, $150,000. but as this will be little enough for the commencement of payments on silver now in transit

it would be well to at once increase the New York fund to an amount sufficient to meet the demands of the immediate future.

I have now on hand in my vaults $1.429.652.10/100 in gold coin, of the following denominations.

Double Eagles.	$328.760.00
Eagles.	159.200.00
Half Eagles.	111.685.00
Quarter Eagles.	116.787.50.
Dollars.	276.925.00

By far the largest portion of this is small coin that doubtless would not be acceptable in payments at New York. Double Eagles are preferred there, as well as by depositors here.

We need here not less than $300,000., in Double Eagles, in

stock to meet emergencies.
The New York Assay office
frequently deposits bullion and
requests immediate returns.
Other depositors from the Black
Hills country. make deposits
of say 5000. to $10.000. and
sometimes as high as $20.000.
at a time. Our liabilities are
much greater now than ever
before, since the California
excitement.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Ellison
Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Dir Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Can you not change some of the smaller
denominations to N.Y. to pay for the silver?
J. P. Supt.

Nov 27 6

Sir

In compliance with the Secretarys telegraphic order of the 24th inst. I have to day forwarded to you by the Adams & Express Company, as per endorsed receipt, six (6) ounce Trade Dollar dies of this year.

The dies for next year will be forwarded in time.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

A. A. Lagrange Esq
Supt Mint U. S.
San Francisco
Cal

Apr 28 6

Sir

I have appointed Jonathan Livingston, as a Factor in the Indian Department of this Agency, & propose to station him, and submit the same for your approval. The appointment to take effect on Monday December 4. 1820. and at the Cantonment

Very Respectfully

John Bell

Hon.
W. R. Richmond
Comm. of the Genl Land Office
Washington
D.C.

No. 28 6

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 24th inst. I have to state that we have now on hand, and can promptly furnish you with 20,000 lbs. Best Swiss, from the Hagel & Co Holland, inclusive, in equal amounts, all of this years coinage, except the 5s and 1s pieces, which are of former years.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Thos. L. Nichols, Esq.
Light House Engineer
New York.

Nov 28 6

Sir.

Your letter of the 27th inst. advising me of the issue of P. O. No. 3902. for the transfer of silver coin at the Treasury of the U. S. at Washington, has been received.

In reply to your request that the coin be shipped this day, I have to say that though I have caused inquiries to be made at the office of the Adams Express Co. I am unable to find the order, and am unable therefore to pay the same as your request this day.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Hon. R. M. Bland.
Treasurer U. S.

Nov 28 6

Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst. has been received.

In reply would state that that we have no record of any deposit being made here by Robert R. Hinman, as stated, nor any one for him,

Very Respectfully

Jas Phelps
Cash'r

Mr. Myron A. Briggs.
Glen Haven.
N.Y.

Nov. 28th 6

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No's. 6845. 6846 for Sixty one Thousand and Thirty seven 72/100 (61.037.72) Dollars, and One Hundred and Thirty Thousand (130.000) Dollars, respectively to your order, in payment for Sales / Duclair. viz: In full for 253 Bars, Specimen and on a/c. of 146 / Bars rec'd yesterday afternoon.

Very Respectfully Yours

Mess's L. Von Hoffman & Co
New York

Nov. 28th 6

Sir.

I draw this day Checks
No's. 6845 & 6846, favor.
L. von Hoffmann & Co. for $61.037.79
and $130.000.— Gold Coin; re-
spectively—

Very Respectfully
J. H. Gunn
Supt

Asst Treas. U.S.
New York

Nov 28 6

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, as per the enclosed duplicate receipt, the following working dies for the year 1877. in part of your order of the 12th of October, ultimo.

Coin.	Obverse.	Reverse.
Trade Dollar	6.	6
Half do	6.	6.
Quarter do	6.	6.
20 Cent	5.	5.
Dime	5	5
Trade Proofs	6	6
Proofs	4	4
Half Proofs	2	2
Three Dollar.	2	—

Dies continues.	Obverse.	Reverse.
Quarter Eagle.	8.	1.
Gold Dollar	4	=
Total.	49.	39.

I enclose a note from our Engraver calling attention to the fact that both the obverse and reverse Double Eagle dies for 1877 are of new and improved designs that have received the sanction of the Director of the Mint, and it is important that none of the old coined Eagle dies should be used after the close of the current year. I suggest that you notify the Assay of the San Francisco Mint of this fact and direct him to deface and destroy all the old Double Eagle dies at the close of the present year.

The remainder of your order for 1877, will be filled as soon as possible, including the London Mink also.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Lord
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Telegram

Nov. 29. 6

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

We cannot receive your
Mexican bills unless first
cut in pieces under Examples
for one cancelled.

Nov 29th 6

Sir

There is due the United States Treasury as profits on Silver Coinage, four Hundred thousand (400.000.) dollars, which should now be covered in. As we have not such Sum in Coin in consequence of the Treasurer having drawn closely, I have to suggest that you will request the Treasurer to issue Certificates of Deposit, and Transfer Orders in Sums of say 50.000, until the whole is covered in.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Rusk
Supt

Hon A.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Nov 29 6

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Damaged Currency for Month ending November 29, 1876.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
D. R. Linderman
Director Mint
Washington
DC

28th November 6

Sir

I herewith send detailed statement of the purchase of 500.000 ounces and shipment of fine silver bullion received this month from Nevada Bank San Francisco

Very Respectfully

Jas Ross

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of U.S. Mint

Washington

D.C.

Nov-29 6

Gentlemen.

Your letter of 28th inst. has been received.

I telegraphed you this morning in reply, and now repeat that we cannot receive your Mexican ores at Oakland unless it is first cut into pieces small enough for our crucibles. We have no facilities for that purpose, and with the expensive pressure upon us for regular Mint work, we cannot neglect our current operations to look after an outside lot of this character. We do not receive bullion unless it comes in a workable shape.

Very Respectfully,
Jno. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

No. 29. 6.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York
We have no facilities in the
West, and cannot take
charge of private business.

Dec 7 6

Sir.

At the close of business November 29. 1876. I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result

Gold	$1.502.991.97
Silver	820.148.47
Refining & Parting Dp	20.90
Ordinary Dp regular	23882.95
Minor Coinage	7201.51
Minor Coins Exchanged	4.448.42
do do Reissued	10.590.00
do Coinage Redemption	92.476.08
	$2038995.24

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination

into the general condition
and operations of the Mint, and
the institution was found to
be in good working condition
and its business conducted
in a careful and satisfactory
manner.

Very Respectfully
Jos Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec. 1st 6

Statement of the Metal Refining & Copper Alloy &c.
3rd Quarter 1876.

Dr.

July 1. To Balance	Oz.	29.268.75	$ 446.81
Sept. " Copper	"	291.666.67	4000.
		320.935.42	4.446.81
By Copper used	"	315.000.—	4.364.56
" Balance	"	5.935.42	82.25
		320.935.42	4.446.81

Cr.

Jas. P. Wood
Supt.

Mint of the U. S.
Philada Dec. 1st 1876

Sir.

I have you herewith my Refinery A/C. for November 1876.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 7 6

Sir

I have a requisition from the Light of the Mink at Carron, for six (6) Barrels White Rose Lamp Oil.

You will please have it prepared and barreled and bills in duplicate made out in an individual name to be forwarded to the Light of the Mink for payment

Your Obedient Servant

H. L. Lowndes Esq
Carrier

Dec 2 6

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the December Term, 1870.

Wm. B. Lynch, an employé of the Mint, has been summoned as a Petit Juror for the above Term. He is an expert whose services are constantly required at the Mint, and as he cannot be absent without serious prejudice to the public interests, he respectfully request that he be excused from serving as Juror on this occasion.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Dec 2 6

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending December 2 1876.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Dec 2. 1876

The following report of the Assayer of the N. Y. Assay Office of the assay of the coins received at this Mint during November 1876, has been handed to the Coiner's Assayer and Melter and Refiner.

Names.	Weight Grains. Dec.	Fineness gold. Lthns.
Double Eagle	516. /	900. 6
Half Dollar	192. 7	Gold. 8999
Quarter do.	96 /	" 8998

James Pollock

Supt

Assayer

Dec 2 6

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $8,9.000. for the service of this Dept for the month of December, inclusive of the following appropriations for the current fiscal year.

Salaries $ 7,000.
Wages 10,000.
Incidentals 2,000.

and ask that you [illegible] the same forthwith remitted.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
N. P. Livingston
Comptroller of the Treasury

Dec 2 6

Sir.

Your letter of Nov 29 is received.

The international Half Dollar you refer to was designed by request for the inspection of the authorities at Washington, and only a few specimens were struck for that purpose. There are none for sale and the dies were destroyed.

Very Respectfully

Jas E Kelly
Supt

Mr.
E. H. Scott
Montgomery
Ala

Dec. 2nd 6

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find Check No. 68017 - For One Hundred and Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty Seven 06/100 (166.787.06) Dollars, Gold, in payment for Silver delivered (to date) per memo. enclosed.

In reference to this lot of Silver I beg to call your attention to the fact, that while our assays generally run pretty close to the London Invoice (rather under) we find the following in which there are wide discrepancies or differences as proved by repeated assays; the difference being in favor of the Seller. Thus a bar invoiced 983 - (See memorandum checked √ -) comes

out 998 Fine.

Another invoiced 993 Come out 998 fine
Another " 992 " 996 "
Another " 992 " 996½ "
Another " 992 " 996½ "
Another " 992 " 995 "

Very Respectfully Yours
Jno Pollock
Supt

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Dec. 21. 1876.

Sir

I draw at sight this day in favor of Jos N. Seligman & Co. Check No. 6847. for $166.787.06, for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Lad 2 6

Ohio

Your letter of the 14th
with what regard I the widow
Gibbs of Lewes & M. Heligman
Esq. of Charleston

You said, as I am informed,
might more like more than two
thousand dollars for handling
and selling it, and I shall
already informed higher duties
that we could not receive it
on the charge of it, unless pro-
duced in three small enough
for our market.

May suggested that it should
be sent to Ohio consigned to Wm
Neilson Esq. of Chillicothe, there
the new warehouse keeper
the new warehouse keeper under

the

the heavy steamers for gov-
ernment service, and from 8 A.M.
to 10 P.M. that proportion is
inadmissible. The health and strength
of our men must be secured for
their regular duties.

The Treasury Department is
imperative in its demands for
silver & wings which we are obtain-
ing every means in our power, with
limited facilities, and provide
ourselves for more, and for
want of time and room and
workmen, it is simply impos-
sible for us to do this outside
work. We do not receive deposits
of bullion unless presented in a
merchantable shape, and if it is not
more to melt or change the mode.

Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Dec 2 6

Sir

I enclose a forward
statement of Miners drift
mining, mining and ex-
changed during November 1876.
Also, for the Lambton
& the Hetton, Abstract
of their drainage operations
for the same month.

Your Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Lt. Col.
H. M. Bruceman
Inspector Coal Mines
Washington
D.C.

Dec 6

Dec 4 1846

Sir,

Inclosed I forward [illegible]
Mail Contract of U. S. Line,
Between General Department,
and Office.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
P. Pinkerton
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Very respectfully Your
[illegible]
Supt

Messrs. Von Hoffman & Co.
New York

Dec. 4th 66

Gentlemen.

Enclosed I/ha & Co Draft
& Check No. 63168 for Forty one Thous-
and Eight Hundred and ninety two 89/100
(41892.89) Dollars, Gold Coin,
being the balance due on 1166 Bales
Sea Island purchased from S. W. Stewart
Esq. and in full payment for Inv't
No. 669. & 670. 67 & 68 Sea Island Bales, at 118 3/4
per Contract.

Please oblige by return-
ing the enclosed receipts signed as
usual.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. W. Pickett
Sup't

Messrs. Leon Hoffmann & Co.
New York

Dec. 1st, 1866

Sir

I draw this day in favor of said
Leon Hoffmann & Co. Check
No. 69118 for $10.192.32

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Supt

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Very Respectfully Your
Obt
Supt

Treas. Leon Hoffmann & Co.
New York

Dec. 4th 6

Sir.

I return you herewith Treas. Ys Order No. 3962, dated Nov. 29th 1876 for Four Thousand Thousand (4,000,000) Dollars, being a voucher for the transfer of a like sum of Silver profits from the Silver Profit Fund 7%, per Cir. No. 15 of 1876 dated Nov. 29th 1876, to the U.S. Mexican Bond, per my letter to the Director of the Mint dated Nov. 29th ult.

I am sorry you cover this down so, under one voucher, as we have not the amount to Credit in Coin to meet it, because you draw to Ole Gold on regular Treas. Ys to other Offices, while in my letter to the Director

I made a special request that
separate orders might be drawn
in sums of $50.000- each, so
that the Coin Off. would be able
to meet the Orders without em-
barrassment. Of course it is
a matter of figures only, but I
regard it as important that
both Coin and figures, as far
as may be, should agree. I refer
to this matter at this length in
the hope that in future you
will adopt my plan.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Jas. R. Cook
Supt.

Hon. A. U. Wyman
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 4 6

Sir.

On Saturday the 2d inst I
[illegible] the Mink aboard
[illegible] Adams Express, as per the
[illegible] receipt, the following
[illegible] per the Lear 1877. viz part
[illegible] per order of October 1 & 8.

[illegible]	"	6.	19
[illegible] do	"	6.	11
[illegible]	"	5	7
[illegible]	"	6	2
[illegible]	"	4	0
[illegible]	"	2	0
[illegible] do	"	2	0

The remaining skins for 1877
will be forwarded as soon
as prepared.

Again call attention to the

confirmement in the Trade Bill
and, and the necessity of opening
and trading in all the principal
Roads to get this at the close of
the Session both Houses are crowded.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Hon.
A. J. Dallas
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City
D.C.

Dec 4 6

Sir

Your letter of Nov 29th was duly received.

The Mint will receive and coin your gold on the terms of the enclosed circular, which is forwarded for your information.

The gold of the Black Hills is mostly and such as we have would generally average $17.20 per ounce troy in gold coin, at the Mint. If in native grains or dust a variable deduction must be made, say 6 to 6 per cent. Fine gold, made so chemically it would be $20.67 per ounce troy. U.S. gold coin is worth 90 cents per pound in new coin.

Walter Mann. Q.A.C. Very Respectfully
St Paul Minn. [illegible]

Doc. F. 6

To R. B. Crawford, Acting Director
of the Mint, Washington D.C.

Sir, November 21st 1846

I beg to acquaint you that Messrs
Thos. Mc Kee Dunn & Co. have remitted
me this day Seventeen Thousand
one hundred & fifty dollars
and a half. They now hold
at my disposal Twenty four thousand
three hundred & fifty dollars
(exclusive of the duty) which amount,
I shall be glad to have the orders
from the Department, shall I
retain and pay for the Specie
out of that sum, or

[illegible]
Assist Mint

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Dec. 5. 1876

Sir.

I have to inform you that my New York balance is now reduced to $27.282.36, and as other Shipments are on the way, I suppose you will arrange for having my a/c. increased accordingly.

Messrs. Seligman send me this day 73.400. Ozs. Silver Bars. As I telegraphed you this a.m. I have no authority to receive more than 50.000 - Ozs, at 1117/2 f. fine, and await your instructions.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington D.C.

5th Dec. 6

Gentlemen

I send herewith detailed Statement of the last purchase of $ 100000 ounces fine silver bullion from your Bank.

Very Respectfully

Jas Ellwood

Superintendent

Officers of the Nevada Bank
San Francisco
California

Dec 5 6

Sir

On the ground of capacity and faithful services I have increased the compensation of Henry Winter Lyle, Assistant Astronomer in the Nautical and Astronomical Department of the Naval Observatory from $1,000 to $1,200 per diem, and submit the case for your approval. This increase to date from December 1, 1876.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Lyle

Hon
R. W. Thompson
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

Dec 6

Hon. David Davis.

Supreme Court of the United States.

Dear Sir

I duly received your letter of the 2nd of November in reference to the compensation of your kinsman Rev. Henry Whitefield, who occupies a clerical position in this Mint.

Agreeing with your estimate of his abilities, and sympathizing with his misfortunes, I have to day increased his compensation to $5.- a day, to date from the 1st of this month.

Hoping that this compliance with your request will be satisfactory to both you and himself I remain. Yours very Respectfully

J. M. Ballard

Asst

Dec 6 6

Sir

Upon the Coroners nomination herewith enclosed, I have appointed Miss Maggie L. Murphy as an Assistant in the Coroners Department at $1,200 per Annum, in the place made vacant by the non-action of Miss Mary Chambers. Said appointment to take effect upon confirmation.

This appointment is made in response to a request contained in a letter to the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, and by him transmitted through the Chief of the Appointment Division of the Treasury Department to this office, under date of December 4. 1876. Very respectfully

Hon. S. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

[signature]
Chief

Dec 6 6

Sir

Your letter of the 4th inst has been received.

We could not succeed in 1865, but are not able to give the reason.

You can buy old coins from coin dealers in the large cities. The price depends upon various circumstances, such as rarity, condition &c.

I enclose card of one dealer in this city.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
John L Loudon.
Fairbury
Ohio

Dec 6 6

Sir

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, No 8 of this date, No. 8107 for $30.20 cents, on ac of parking and bar charges.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Lush

Note.

N. P. Leiderman
Assistant P.M. Genl
Washington
D.C.

Dec 6 6

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt this afternoon of an advance copy of the Directors annual Report for 1876, I will thank you to forward, no. 4 supply for general distribution; as many as you can readily spare. There is always a great demand for the report both in person and by mail.

Very Respectfully

Supt

R. A. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D. C.

L.B.L.

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Dec. 7th 1876

Sir.

I have your letter of yesterday explaining the matter of the purchase of 250.000 Ozs. Silver Bullion from Seligman & Co, and have to inform you that we are all right, but were misled at the time of telegraphing by Seligman sending Invoices to be divided between the two prices, ie 116½ & 117½.

Very Respectfully Yours
H. R. Linderman
Acting Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 7 6

Gentlemen.

Your letter and remittance of the 4th inst, has been received.

The Mint can supply you with minor coins on the terms of the enclosed circular which I send for your information and guidance.

We do not furnish silver coins to the public. That is done by the Treasurer U. S. Washington, D.C. to whom your application should be made.

Your draft on New York for $4.0. is herewith returned, as requested you to remit Your on.

Very respectfully,

Messrs. John Burkhamp & Co.
Charleston
S. C.

[illegible]
Acting Supt

Dec 7 6

Sir

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury a/c of this date No. 3110, for $ 95.42 on a/c of Sparting, refining and bar charges.

Very Respectfully
H. L. Hicks
Acting Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 7 6

Sir

In reply to your Telegram of this date, I have to state that the Number account will be made out and forwarded in a few days: probably by Monday next.

Very Respectfully
W. B. Hinton
Acting Supt

R. A. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 8 6

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst has been received.

Under existing regulations we buy silver bullion deposited at this office and pay for it in gold coin at the rate of 103 1/2 cents per ounce, standard. Payment is made after the silver is melted and assayed and its exact value ascertained; which is generally about the third day after the deposit is made.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Acting Supt.

H. L. Hillhouse Esq.
Rochester
N. Y.

Mint of the U. S.
Philada Dec. 8th 1876

Sir.

I hand you herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for November 1876.

Very Respectfully
A. Loudenslich
Supt.

A. E. Burton Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 9 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Bonners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending December 9. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Dec 9 6

Miss Maggie L. Murphy.

I have appointed you an agent in the Coroners Department of this Mint, at $1.50 per diem, and will need your services on duty Monday morning the 11th inst.

You will please take the enclosed official oath before an Alderman and bring it with you.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Dec 9 6

Sir

Your letter of the 4th inst. was duly received.

When it does not interfere with our regular business, the Mint makes assays of ores as an accommodation, but only for gold and silver, not for other metals. The charge is $5.00 currency, in advance, for each specimen assayed. A fair averaged specimen of the ore, weighing half a pound to one pound, would be sufficient.

We are very busy now, and could not promise an assay under three or four weeks.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]

Mr. A. W. McTaggart
Woodstock
Ont.

Dec 9 6

Sir.

Your letter of the 8th inst has been received.

I cannot answer you definitely with regard to receiving a further invoice of gold and must wait until I know, approximately, at least in ounces the amount you want to send. With that information furnished, I can give you an answer by return mail. There must not be a balance of indebtedness against us at the close of the current quarter.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Supt

Hon. C. Foster, Asst
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Dec 9 6

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiry — The weight used in the bullion & coinage transactions of the Mint, is the Troy ounce, decimally divided. We do not use pennyweights and grains, except in stating the weight of single pieces. They are so stated in the Code of Mint Laws. The silver pieces less than the dollar, however, are conformed to the metric weights, so far as making the half-dollar, twelve-and-a-half grammes precisely; the lesser pieces in proportion. And the nickel five-cent piece has an even metric weight, five grammes. However, we do not make use of the gramme weights, but use the equivalent troy weights. Thus we adjust the half-dollar to 192.9 grains, and the 5 cent nickel to 77.16 grains. In large sums, they are weighed in ounces. — The

would be in constant danger of mistake, by using two sets of weights. And we consider the ounce, and hundredths, better for our use than the kilogramme, with its numerous divisions. The ounce is a better expression, for gold and silver, as a normal weight, than any in the metric schedule. The kilo is far too large, the gramme far too small, for bullion reckonings or statements.

In the Assay department, the mil. decimal notation has been used, for the last forty years. The Assay laws state the fineness of our coins in the same way.

This, in one respect, is a conformity to the metric system, inasmuch as, for silver, we use the gramme and its thousandth parts; and necessarily our humid solutions, for that assay, are made by metric volumes. In the gold assay we depart from the metric system, by taking only a half-gramme as the normal weight, dividing that into ten-thousandths.

This is accepting the box of metric
troy-weights for its commercial divisions; but
you will observe that another normal weight,
similarly divided, would answer our purposes
just as well; provided it were not too large,
nor too small. The gramme for silver, and
the demi-gramme for gold, are of good
size; and now generally used by Mint
Managers the world over.

Very respectfully

[signature]

Melvil Dewey Esq.
Manager, Amer. Metric Bureau
Boston

Dec 11 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Official oath of Maggie C. Murphy, an adjuster in the Miners Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Supt

Hon
A. P. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 6

Sir

Can you send me by return mail fifty (50) blank pay rolls for two Months, as a temporary supply in advance of the regular delivery of stationery and blanks for ensuing six months.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.

Lot M. Morrill.

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington

D.C.

Decr 11 6

Dear Sir

We do not know of any pamphlet or book that would be likely to serve your purpose. Jewelers make use of carats, in estimating fineness; which Mint Assayers do not. And the alloying of gold for jewelry seems a matter kept within the trade, as there is nothing published.

Yours respy

J. W. Ellsworth

Supt.

Wm Wm Edgar

Dec. 11th 6

Sir.

I forward to day my Bullion and Coinage accounts for the 3rd Quarter 1876.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 12 6

Dear Sir

I am obliged to you for a sight of the Nelson Coin of 1798 [illegible] returned. It is not in the Mint Collection, nor should in any but a collection in our possession. It must be a very rare piece; and I have no doubt you will have history. It could not be meant for the first Penalder, as he did not set up his claims till about 1715. The coin in our Cabinet, of the second Penalder, 1760, is similar in legends and devices to your piece; but a better piece of work.

It is wonderful how much History is contained in a small piece, with only three words on it. It speaks of momentous changes in the British Empire.

Truly yours

J. L. Wood

W. C. Baker Esq. Middletown, Conn.

Dec 12 6

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward receipted bill, in duplicate, of Mr James B. Bowden, for $9,50. for six barrels bass wood sap sugar prepared under your requisition of Nov 19. ult last, and forwarded to you by the Steamer Post Freight Line on the 6th of December inst I will thank you to remit the amount of the bill to me for Mr Bowden.

I also forward the bill of lading.

The Summit sugar cask specified in your letter had to be made to order, and will be done early in January.

The spiles ordered seem to be

the duplicates of a set recently forwarded to you, which I suppose will be sufficient for your purposes for the present and I will defer getting the additional set until I hear from you again.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

James Crawford, Esq
Capt. A. A. Genl
Canada

Dec? 12 6

Mess: A. R. Lieberman
Liverpool

Sirs

I am offered for the Mint Cabinet, Two gold coins of Costa Rica. They are not in our collection, are very scarce, and in fine order. Simply as bullion they are worth $7.10, 3.70. and 1.85; but for Mint it would be but fair to give $8.00, 4.00, and 2.00; in all $14. gold. With premium say $16.00, currency.

I request leave to make the purchase.

Very respectfully

[signature]
Supt.

Dec 13 6

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 12th inst, with the enclosed copy of a letter of the 11th inst to the Director of the Mint from Asst Secretary Conant, requiring all orders and remittances for minor coins received by me from the cities named, in which an Independent Treasury office is located, to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for the proper action, that the order may be filled by the Treasury office in the city from which the order comes, and land expense of transportation.

This class of minor coinage

orders and remittances will hereafter be transmitted accordingly to the Secretary through your office, as suggested in your letter, and have to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of all such remittances.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. B. Preston Esq
Secty Treasy Mint
Washington
DC

Dec 18 6

Sir

I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury, a warrant under date of the 12th inst. from J. S. Chadwell, Teller Bowery Savings Bank New York City, for $300, in 58 eagles, and $100, in 19 pieces, accompanied by a draft from that Bank, No 950 on the Mechanics and Traders National Bank for $400. To my credit which please endorse to the Secretary, under

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of this remittance.

Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint

J. Ross Snowden
Supt

Dec 13 6

Sir

The nickel coin sent by you, & herewith returned, has been good; but probably by wasting in a fire, & other bad usage, has lost 12½ grains (about ⅛th of the original wt.) and is no longer fit to pass.

Respectfully,

Jas Elliot
Supt

Alex Burr & Bates
Willoughby
O.

Dec 13 6

Hon: James Pollock

Superintendent &c &c

Sir

We are offered to-day, for the Mint Cabinet, four large gold coins of England, about 250 years old, viz:

A double-regal of James I.

Another, different type.

Another, of Charles I.

A single regal of James I.

These are all prior to the guinea & sovereign series. They are very rare, & perfectly uncirculated; and yet are offered for $50.- currency, their bullion value being $24.- currency. It is a great bargain, and the pieces are needed to finish off our collection, in that branch. We must give an answer by the 20th inst.

Very respectfully

Wm E DuBois &c

Dec 13 6

Hon: A. R. Linderman

Director &c. &c.

Sir

I enclose a letter from the Assayer, (having supervision also of the Mint Cabinet,) in regard to four valuable coins.

These are not in the Collection, and are every way desirable; especially as they keep up the historical connection, and enable us to answer queries, official or otherwise. I earnestly request leave to make the purchase.

Very respectfully

Jos. Patterson

Supt's

Dec 13 6

Sir.

I herewith enclose the resignation of A. L. Snowden, Esq. as Coiner of this Mint, and have to request that you will deliver it to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the accompanying letter to that officer.

Very Respectfully

Supt

R. M. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 14 6

Sir

I transmit herewith for the information of the Treasury, an order of the 10th inst. from the Cashier of the First National Bank of Chicago, directing the disposition of the proceeds of the accompanying draft of Exchange of the U.S. Treasurer on the First National Bank of Philadelphia, for $1000, which have been received, from the Treasurer.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
[illegible]
Sec'y

R. J. Walker Esq
Acting Secretary
Washington.

Dec 14 6

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for Stationery and other articles for the service of this Mint for the period of six months ending June 30. 18[illegible], with the accompanying samples.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.

Ex M. Morrill.

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington

D.C.

Dec. 14th 6

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find Check No. 6850 for One Hundred & fifty four thousand three hundred and thirty 58/100 (154.330 58/100) Dolls. Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Purchases, as follows: viz.

Dan'l. Ozp. Smi. 73.424.48

Disk " 57.970.18 = 131.394.66

@ 117½ d. Smi - $154.388.73

Less charge for melting Disk 58.15

Net amount $154.330.58

In the haste incident to informing you of the weight of the Disk as requested in yours of yesterday the weight of the Bar was telegraphed you, which I correct by a succeeding telegram, but you

aboard

In relation to the matter of
Charges for passenger I have
now to hand you a statement of same
and the Voucher for your information

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jno Pope
Supt

Messrs J & H Seligman & Co
New York

above?

Decem^r 14 / 6

Hon: James Pollock

Superintendent &c. &c.

Sir,

In replying to Messrs. Seligman, please inform them that the Mexican Cake contained gold, from 0¼ to 0½ m. We use report to half thousandths, the assay report would be 0±; but anything under 1 m will not pay expenses. — Mexican dollars very often contain as much gold as this cake does.

There is no charge for refining, as the silver is perfectly ductile, and about 997 fine. The only proper Mint Charge would be one-tenth of one cent per ounce after melting.

Very respectfully

Wm E Dubois

assayer

Mint of the U.S.
Philada Dec. 14. 1876

Sir

I draw this day in favor of J & W. Seligman & Co. Check No. 6850 (No. 6849, last in order, being void) for $154.330.58, Gold Coin.

Very Respectfully
Supt

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Sir. Enclosed I hand you the check above referred, being void.

Mint of the United States
Philada. Dec. 15th 1876

Sir.

The amount of Silver Bullion to be delivered to this Mint by Messrs. Seligman to complete the purchase of 300 000. Ozs. at 117½ fine, is about 60.000. Ozs.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington. D.C.

Dec 15 6

Gentlemen.

The twenty five cent piece enclosed in your letter of the 12th inst. is genuine. The "irregularities" you mention is caused by a crack on the rim.

I enclose you a new and perfect coin in exchange.

Very Respectfully

Yours

Chas Bullock

Chief

The Cent. Ry. Co.

Clinton

Iowa.

Dec 15 6

Sir.

I have to day received notice from the Asst Treasurer, U. S. at Boston, Mass, under date of the 14th inst, that he had that day forwarded to this Mint by the Adams Express Company, minor coins for redemption to the amount of $1.999.-

Under the recent order of the Secretary (December 11th) directing that all orders for minor coins from Boston and other cities named, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for action, in order to relieve the Independent Treasury

offices named, I inferred that further consignments of redeemed minor coins from those offices to the Mint would be suspended from that date, and the expense of transportation saved.

I will thank you to advise me on this point and let me know whether I am to continue to receive shipments of redeemed coins from the eight offices named in the Asst Secretary's letter, & had earnestly hoped that they would not be continued for one and very badly off for vault room; but I await further instructions on the subject.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ellsworth
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint

Dec. 15 6

Sir.

The silver coin, amounting in Sale value to $9,657.00 forwarded by you to the Mint on the 29th of November ultimo, by the Adams Express, was duly received and the net proceeds of seigniorage transferred to the bullion funds of the Mint

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock
Supt

Y. Hamon, Jr. Esq.
Asst Treas U. S.
Boston
Mass.

Dec 16 6

Sir

In accordance with a communication, received under date of the 14th inst. from the Board of the Mint, I respectfully recommending your discharge, I am and hereby notified that your services at the Mint will not be required after this date.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Rhoads

Asst.

Mr. Thomas Christy.

Dec 16 6

Sir

Thomas Christy, Roller in the Coiners department of this Mint, has this day been discharged, and upon the nomination of the Coiner, herewith inclosed, I have appointed Frank H. Coles as a Roller in the Coiners department, at $2.90 per diem, to take effect upon confirmation, and submit the same for approval, under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden
Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington.

Dec 16 6

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward to your office for payment, receipted bill in duplicate of R. A. McClurd, for $60.12, currency, for seven gold coins for the Mint Cabinet, purchased under authority of your letters to me of the 10th and 14th inst.

I will thank you to send me a draft for the amount to the order of Mr. McClurd.

Very Respectfully

A. E. Burke
Supt

R. M. Preston, Esq
Actg Director Mint
Washington D.C.

Dec 16 6

Sir.

I enclosed herewith a
former Coiners Weekly
Report of Coinage executed
for week ending December 16.
1850

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chief Coiner

Genl.

A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 18th 6

Sir,

Your request of the 16th inst. to coin about $200,000. in Eagles before the close of the current month, has been received this morning, and your directions will be complied with, and the coin specified furnished within the time stated.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

R. B. Bruton, Esq
Actg Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 18 6

Sir.

I herewith forward as requested, a descriptive list of the Medals exhibited by the Mint in the Government department of the Centennial Exposition.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 19 6

Sir.

You have been appointed a Police, in the Coroners Department of this City, at $2.50 per diem, and will report at once for duty to the Coroner.

You will take the prescribed oath of office before an Alderman, and bring it with you.

Very Respectfully
E. Jas Roberts
Chief

Mr
Frank H. Coles.
Phila

Dec 19 6

Sir

I herewith forward for approval by the Director and Secretary of the Treasury a contract in duplicate between Messrs. John Dallett &c., and myself, for the coinage of ten million 1 centimo, and two million 2½ centimo coins for the Government of Venezuela, and to be filed in your office and the other to be returned to me.

Very Respectfully

Your Obed't Serv't

R. E. Preston, Esq
Actg Director Mint
Washington.

Dec 19 6

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. advising me that it is not intended to forward to the Mint from the Independent Treasury office at Boston minor coins that are unfit for reissue, & herewith enclosed, for your information, a statement by my Redemption Clerk, showing that the minor coins received from the Sub Treasurer at Boston, and of the same general character as those received from other parties, that more than nine tenths of them were fit for reissue; and that many of the

packages were probably not opened or counted at Boston. This testimony applies to the lost of $1999. mentioned in your letter, as well as to previous consignments from that office.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. R. Reed Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec. 18th 6

Hon. Jas Pollock.
Supt.

Sir:

I have to report that the Minor Coins received from the Asst. Treasurer U. S. at Boston, are of the same character and in like condition as those received from other depositors and pronounced as fit for reissue. Out of 26 lots received from that office 23 of them (representing 1116 depositors) have been transmitted to this office without having been counted, or probably opened at Boston. The last four lots, aggregating $1109.72 contained $1064.22 in coin fit for reissue as follows. Viz:

5 Cents $8,779.55 3 Cents $691.44

10 Cts $592.18

Very Respectfully

Edw. C. Eckel Examiner &c.

Dec 20 6

Sir

Your letter of the 19th is received
[illegible] with
[illegible] the new Mint year
of this date.

The proof coins of 1837 will
be ready for delivery about the 1st
[illegible] Mints,
Philadelphia, San Francisco, and
Carson City, [illegible] all marked
the date coin, except the proof
sets, and [illegible] copper and nickel
coins, which are only made at
Philadelphia.

[illegible] proof
coins of the [illegible] Mint, of
Bank of Boston only, and in sheet.

Very Respectfully

Wm. B. Lindsay
Wall Street
New York

Dec 20 6

Sir.

The sample of mineral enclosed in your letter of the 17th inst. is a mixture of mica and iron pyrites, of no value.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Lucius

Wm
Geo. W. Taylor
Ravenna
Ohio

Dec 20 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I
forward official oath of
Hon. E. Bates, Atty Gen'l of the
United States, to the
Navy Department. This week.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

[illegible]

Hon
Gideon Welles
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

Dec 2: 6

Sir.

Your letter of the 18th inst was received to day.

The Mint only sells proofs coins, as sold, on the terms of the circular I herewith send you for your information. I regret we cannot furnish you a quarter eagle, but you can probably buy one of Brokers who deal in Specie.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolles
Supt

Mr.
J. P. Jones.
Reno Lousiana
Nevada

Dec 21 6

Sir

I have to report the death of George Handell, foreman of the Cutters in the Corners Department, which occurred on the 18th of December inst.

I have promoted James L. Thorp, Cutter, to be Foreman of the Cutters at $3.50 per diem, vice George Handell, deceased.

I have transferred Ellis Pugh, annealer, J Dickey, Cutter and E. R. Pacquet cutter, to the Corning Room, and to be placed on that roll, at $2.00 per diem, each.

I have transferred James M. Stewart, from the Laborers

roll, to that of Cleaner, at $3.00 per diem.

Ghese promotions and transfers to take effect January 1. 1877.

I hd recommendations of the Board, three in number, and herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

John Taylor

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
~~Acting Director~~ Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 21 6

Sir.

I have this day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, as per receipt received duplicate receipt the following dies for that Mint for the year 1873, in full of the demand of the Directors order of the 12th of October, ultimo.

Trade Dollar	18	obverse,	8	Reverse
Half do	8	do	8	do
Quarter do	8	do	8	do
Dime	9	do	10	do
Double Eagle	6	do	6	do
Dollar	1	do	—	.
20¢	4	do		

very Respectfully

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint.

Dec 22 6

Sir

I have forwarded to day by the Adams Express Co, and have receipt & herewith enclose, the following Bills for 1877 & the Mint at Carson.

Gold Dollars	7	thousand	6	Hundred.
Quarter do	14	do	6	do
Dime	18	do	10	do
Quarter Eagle	6	do	2	do
Eagle	2	do	24	do
Double Eagle	1	do	—	"

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington.

Dec 22 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No 3122 for Seventeen and 50/100 Dollars deposited this day with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia on account of Old Material Sold.

Please forward the same to its proper destination

Very respectfully

Jas. P. Kimball

Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Dec 22 6

Sir

. Enclosed herewith I forward, for the Secretary of the Treasury, a/s of this date, No. 9121, for one hundred and sixty five thousand (165000) dollars, this, on account of Patents, Refunding and Bad Charges.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

[illegible]

R. B. Austin, Esq
Auditor Treasury Dept.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 22 6

Sir

I am compliance with your letter of the 20th inst. and transfer order No. 7856, on the late Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for $10, I yesterday forwarded that amount of 1 y cents of 1876 by the Adams Express Co, to W. F. Burnham, Cash. of Wisconsin. Low Vol. 47 Revised Stat. New York, Expressed at the cost of the consignee, as per your instructions.

Very Respectfully

Your

A. R. Wyman.

Treasurer U.S.

Washington.

Dec 29 6

The

Knickerbocker Ice Co.

Will please reduced
the amount of ice delivered
at the Mink to sixty (60) lbs
a day.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Talbot
Supt

Mint of the U.S.
Philada Dec. 23. 1876

Sir.

The following is an approximate statement of Silver Bullion on hand at this date, viz.
In charge of—

Superintendent Ops.	150.000.
Melter & Refiner	700.000.
Coiner	150000.
Total Ops.	1.000.000

Very Respectfully
J. W. Ellwood
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 23 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending December 2d 1876.

Very Respectfully

Geo Eaton

Supt

Hon.

W. A. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Dec 26 6

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 22d inst has been received together with your package of silver three cent pieces.

You will see by the enclosed circular that silver coins are not redeemable. We think however buys silver occasionally, and pays for them in gold coin at the rate of 1.03⅓ cents per cent standard. Your 3 cent pieces weigh 42.05 ounces, and after melting and assaying would be worth at the above rate about $36. in gold coin, as near as can be estimated. I will buy them, or return them to you by express, as you may prefer.

Very Respectfully
J. P. Kinsley

Messrs. Gall, Schneider & Brenner.
Cincinnati Ohio

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Dec. 26. 1876

Sir.

Please draw your Trans-
fer Order for Thirty One Thous-
and Three Hundred and Thirty
(31.330) Dollars, to reimburse
you for Coins recently

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. R. M. Wyman
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Decr 26 1

Sir

Agreeably to your letter of the 23^d inst., the Assayer has selected four pieces from the lot of silver coin, which are sent herewith. The remainder are now being melted for assay, and the proceeds will be ready in a day or two. The deposit is made in the name of the Express Co (J. C. Thompson) by whom payment will be made.

The lot is quite promiscuous, and contains a few "hammered" dollars, which may bring down the proper average somewhat.

There was but one change in the standard of Spanish dollars, and that not in weight, but only in fineness. Before 1772, it was 11 deniers, or $\frac{11}{12}$ fine; from that time, both Spanish & Mexican, 11 d. 20 g.

I send you four pieces, mainly on account of variety of type.

No. 1. 1782. bearing no head, and coined at Madrid, as seen by the mint-mark M. a very finely kept specimen.

No. 2. 1803. with a shield, and no pillars. Also coined at Madrid.

No. 3. 1784. pillar-dollar, coined at Mexico, Mo

No. 4, 1810. pillar-dollar. also coined at Mexico.

These pieces form a good study for those who do not know the peculiarities of Peninsular and Pillar dollars.

As it regards value, Nos 2. 3, and 4 average say 96 cents, gold, at the rate you prescribe; No. 1. 97 cents. The real fineness is not up to legal requirement.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Dirs

Hon. M.R. Linderman

Director &c &c

Dec 26 6

Sir

Yours of the 20th inst with Samples of Cord, Seed have been received.

Upon examination they find it to be only Sinapis varietas of Oleifera and contain no Grain of Oats.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Mr.
F. A. Zimmerman
Hawks Nest
Texas

Dec 26 6

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 10th inst, I herewith forward a communication of this date, from our Consul, Mr. Snowden, giving a detailed estimate of the necessary expenditure of coining 12,000,000 pieces for the Government of Venezuela.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bills

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the U. Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 26 6

Dear Sir

I see by the printed copy received from your office, of the Estimates of Appropriations submitted to Congress, that the salary of the Book Keeper of this Mint, Mr. Bowerthwaite, is stated at $900, with a submitted increase of $200, making a total of $1100.

This is $200 less than I recommended in the Estimates submitted to you, and in justice to a meritorious officer, who is overworked and underpaid, I wish to ask your personal intervention and influence to secure if possible, a restoration of the Book Keepers salary to

to the minimum sum of $2,200.
which you kindly secured for
him in the first adjustment
of salaries under the Coinage
Act of 1873: and which at best
is not equal to the duties and
responsibilities of the position.

I see by the Treasury Register
of 1875, that the Book Keeper
of the Mint at San Francisco
gets $6.75 a day, equal to $2,105.60
per annum. The Book Keeper at
the New York Assay Office $8. a
day, equal to $2,496 a year, and
the Book Keeper at the Carson
Mint $2,000. It will not be
pretended, I think, by any one
cognizant of the facts, that
the duties of either of these Book
Keepers at all equal in variety
character and laborious intricacy the complex duties and

larged jurisdiction of the book
Keeper at this Mint, with its
greater multiplicity of details,
and the larger number and
kind of accounts to be rendered.

It is evident that the char-
acter of Mint accounts is not
fully understood by the Commit-
tee and Congress, or an equi-
lization of salaries for a cor-
responding amount of work,
would probably receive favor-
able and kindly consideration.

Another illustration which
may be fairly used, is to be
found in the salary paid to
the Book Keeper in the office
of the Asst Treasurer U. S. at
Philadelphia, which is $2,500
per annum, more too much
certainly, yet he has only six
and 60 accounts to keep of mo-nies

received and paid out. The accounts of the Mint Book Keeper represent not only a much larger annual aggregate of monies received and paid out, but all the diversified transactions of a complicated manufacturing institution that executes a greater variety of coinage, than any other of its class in the country; and from the nature of its operations imposes a greater amount of labor and responsibility upon its Book Keeper than either of those I have mentioned, and entitles him to a corresponding compensation.

You are so familiar with this subject yourself, and know so well how capable, deserving and faithful Mr.

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comperthwait is, that I need not elaborate an extended argument. To all of us who understand the subject, the equity of the case is self evident, and I am sure you can make it apparent to the committee on Appropriations.

My official dependence upon the ability and vigilance of this vitally important post, and the undeviated fidelity with which its duties have been performed under the discouragement of successive and undeserved reductions of salary, justify me in requesting you to use your influence in his behalf, to the extent indicated in my annual ~~estimates~~ reports and reaffirmed.

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

Yours very truly,
J. W. Wood Chief Clerk

Dec 27 6

Gentlemen.

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst advising me of the current prices of nickel.

I will give you notice when I need advertise for proposals to furnish nickel for our minor coinage.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Chief.

Messrs.
C. Robbins & Son.
New York.

Dec 27 6

Sir

Your letter of the 26th
inst has been received.

All U. S. coins made at the
San Francisco Mint, are marked
with the letter S; at the Carson
City Mint, Nevada, with the
letter CC; and the New Orleans
Mint, the letter O. The coins
of the Philadelphia Mint have
no such designation.

Very Respectfully

A. Elliot
Supt

Mr.
J. Klipfinger
Milton Station
Ohio.

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Dec. 27th 1876

Sir

Your letter informing me that Silver Contained in Gold deposits will be paid for, after the 1st Inst. at 110 ℔ per Oz. Standard, is received.

Will you please state whether this change applies to domestic Purchases?

Very Respectfully Yours

J. Ross Snowden
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the U.S.
Philada Dec. 27th 1876

Sir.

Your statement of Silver Bullion transferred to this Mint on Transfer Order No. 4050, calls for $117.517.60, while I am advised by the Treasurer U.S. that the sum to be transferred is $115.517.60. Will you please inform me which of the above is correct?

Very Respectfully
J. Ross Snowden
Supt

Hon Thos. H. Acton
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York

Dec 27 6

Sir

The lot of silver coin sent by you might be to me after melting, and is genuine.

The pounds, along with a statement will be sent to you by Mr R.C. Thompson (Adams Esq.) in whose name the purchase stands on our books.

Very respectfully

J. W. Ellsworth
Supt

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director &c &c

Dec 28 6

The following report of the assay of the coins, issued at this Mint on December, by the Assayer of the N.Y. Assay Office, has been handed to the Assayer. Melter and Refiner.

Denom	Weight Gr. Dec.	Fineness. gold.	silver
Double Eagle.	575.5	899.9.	6
Quarter Dollar.	96.9	Mint	899.7
do	do	96.9	900.4
do	do	96.5	901.0
do	do	96.9	900.7

James Pollock

Supt

Jas W Ellis

Dec 28 6

Sir

Your letter of the 18th
inst to the Assayer of the Mint
has been received.

The registered letter
which you state was sent to
the Mint on the 10th ult as mentioned, has never come to
hand. Neither the Assayer
or myself, nor my clerks, or
the receiver of deposits, have
any knowledge of its arrival.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jno Rowel
Cashr

Mr.
J. L. Tremilliger
Alton
Ills

Dec 28 6

Sir

In accordance with general instructions of the 12th inst. from your office, I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury, an order from Ashton Lon 6bo. New York, dtd. for $290. in minor coins, together with a check for that amount, properly indorsed, on the Second National Bank, the receipt of which I will thank you to acknowledge.

Very Respectfully

Your

Obt Servt

Jos R. Clark

Lieut

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Dec 28 6

Sir

I have increased the compensation of L. L. Garrigues, Foreman of gold and silver melters in the Melting & Refiners department from $4.75 to $5.00 per diem, from January 1. 1877, to make him equal to other foremen, and as an acknowledgment of long and faithful service, and submit the same for your approval.

I have also transferred Theodore Packett, Laborer on the Coiners roll, to the Superintendents roll as Laborer in the general department, without any change in per diem.

Com. H. R. Linderman. Very Respectfully
Director of the Mint.

Dec 28 6

Sir

I am notified by the Coiner that John Gallagher Jr. Roller in the Coiners Department, has resigned; his resignation to take effect at the close of the current month, December, when his name will be dropped from our rolls.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Lutz

Hon.
N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 29 6

Sir

I am in receipt this morning of your letter of the 19th inst. inclosing forty dollars, currency in full of James B. Saunders bill for ship bread sea biscuit for the Saratoga which money has been paid to Mr. Saunders, and his receipt taken.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

James Crawford Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Charlotte
N.C.

Dec 29 6

Sir

The ore sent by you for analysis appears to contain considerable copper. We only examine for gold and silver.

If you wish to know the proportion of copper, we recommend Messrs Booth & Jewett, chemists, Chest St. Phila. who will also report any gold & silver contained. We can send them the specimen.

The Mint Charge is five dollars.

currency.

Respectfully yours

Supt &c

Mr T. G. Smith
Del Norte
Rio Grande Co
Colorado

Dec 29 6

Sir.

I have this morning received your letter of the 28th inst. stating that your letter of the 26th inst (fixing the price of silver purchases at 110 cents per oz standard) applies only to silver parted from gold.

Your closing remark that "when it becomes necessary to make domestic purchases a price to be paid will be fixed" seems to imply that no rate is fixed now for my guidance, and you will therefore indulge me in calling attention to your letters of September 11th and 18th, fixing the rate of purchase

for both classes of silver at
101 cents gold per oz standard.
Also to your letter of October
ult fixing the purchasing rate
of silver at 114 cents per ounce
fine equal to 103½ cents per
ounce standard in our accounts
and I have been purchasing
silver at this rate ever since.
Shall I continue to make silver
purchases over the counter at
that rate, or suspend such
purchases altogether until further
notice from you.

Very Respectfully

Your Obed't Serv't

Hon.
A. R. Leidermann
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Dec. 30. 1876

Sir.

I return herewith (Supplemental) Transfer Order No. 4066 for $200. in fine silver bullion, issued to correct error in Transfer Order No. 4050— for silver bullion transferred from N.Y. Assay Office, N.Y. to this Mint.

Very Respectfully Your Ob't Serv't

Supt

Hon. A.U. Wyman
Treas. U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jan. 18th 7.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint,
Treasury Dept. Washington City, D.C.

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose the Official Bond of Given C. Babylhelle, as Coiner of this Mint, properly executed.

His sureties are Messrs. Joseph D. Potts and A. Lardner Snowden, each of whom, I am fully satisfied, will be perfectly agreeable to the Government.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Jany 2 7

Sir

At the close of business December 30th 1876. I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result.

Gold	$ 1,711,861.44
Silver	472,819.01
Refining & Parting a/c.	497.85
Ordinary & regular.	33,654.83
Minor Coinage	76,698.49
Minor coins Exchanged	4,448.42
as " Reissued	7,280.00
as Coinage Redemption.	98,326.31
	$2,405,566.35

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition

and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working condition, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolwell

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 2 7

Sir.

Please send me a further supply - say 250 copies - of the Secty Treasury's minor coinage redemption circular of September 24. 1874 a copy of which is enclosed for reference.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

N. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 2 7

Sir

I enclosed herewith a
forward Coiners yearly
Report of Coinage executed,
for the calender year 1876.

Also Coiners monthly
Report of Coinage executed,
for December 1876.

Also Coiners Weekly
Report of Coinage executed,
for week ending December
30. 1876.

Very Respectfully
John Elliot
Supt

Hon.
A. A. Sargent
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dany 2 6

Sir.

I herewith forward statements of the Melter and Refiners Bullion operations, and Gold and Silver Meltings for the month of November 1876. and an accompanying note from that officer. You will find the exhibit to be a very satisfactory one.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt.

Hon.
D. P. Lindsman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Jany 2 7

Sir

I hereby invite proposals for supplying the Mint with coal for the six months ending June 30. 1877. The quantity used is about fifty tons per week of 2240 lbs. The quality must be of the best Lehigh coal, white broken or egg as may be required from time to time, and the contract to be immediately annulled upon notice from the Superintendent, in case any of the coal delivered should be of inferior quality.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

E. E. Saufley Esq
Collector of Revenue
Phila

Lancaster

Sir

I hereby invite proposals for supplying the Mint with coal for the six months ending June 30. 1877. The quantity used is about fifty tons per week. 1 of 2240 lbs. The quality must be of the best Lehigh coal. either broken or egg as may be required from time to time, and the contract to be immediately awarded upon notice from the Superintendent, in case any of the coal delivered should be of inferior quality.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

H. L. Black Esq

206 Walnut St

Phila

Jany 2 6

Sir.

I hereby invite Sproposals for supplying the Mint with coal for the six months ending June 30. 1877. The quantity used is about fifty tons per week, of 2240 lbs each. The quality must be the best Lehigh coal, either broken or egg as may be required from time to time, and the contract to be immediately annulled upon notice from the Superintendent, in case any of the coal delivered should be of inferior quality.

Very Respectfully

Jno. H. Wood
Supt

C. Fernberg, Esq
421 N. 18th
Phila.

Jany 2 7

Gentlemen.

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Very Respectfully

Messrs.
Wm B Barton & Co.
Philadelphia.

Navy 2 7

Sir

I hereby invite proposals for supplying the Sloop with coal for the six months ending June 30. 1870. The quantity used is about fifty tons per week. of 2240 lbs. The quality must be the best Lehigh coal, either broken or egg, as may be required from time to time; and the contract to be immediately annulled upon notice from the Superintendent, in case any of the coal delivered should be of inferior quality.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Jolly

Lieut

Wm. H. Allen. Esq
957 N. 9th St
Phila

Jany 2 6

Gentlemen.

I hereby invite proposals for supplying the Mint with coal for the six months ending June 30th 1877. The quantity used is about fifty tons per week of 2240 lbs each. The quality must be of the best Lehigh coal, either broken or egg as may be required from time to time, and the contract to be immediately annulled, upon notice from the Superintendent, in case any of the coal delivered should be of inferior quality.

Very Respectfully

Messrs
Brannon & Bro
506 S Broad St
Phila.

Jany 2 6

Gentlemen.

I hereby invite proposals for supplying the Mint with coal for the six months ending June 30, 1877. The quantity used is about fifty tons per week, of 2240 lbs each, the quality to be the best Lehigh, either broken or egg, as may be required from time to time, and the contract to be immediately annulled, upon notice from the Superintendent, in case any of the coal delivered should be of inferior quality.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Ellicott

Supt

Messrs.
J. R. Manderfield & Co
23 & Penna Av.

May 27

Sir.

I hereby invite proposals for supplying the Shirk with coal for the six months ending June 30. 1877. The quantity wanted is about fifty tons per week, @ 2240 lbs each. The coal is to be the best Lehigh, nuts broken or egg, as may be required from time to time, and the contract to be immediately executed, upon notice from the Superintendent, in case any of the coal delivered should be of inferior quality.

Very Respy

John McLaughlin. Esq.

Lancy 3 7

Sir

I have inquiry of the 2d
inst. received.

The accounts used and allowed
on the settlements either exhibit
or vouch to instruct the charges in
the respects prescribed by law-
as that did.

The words also used for the
same purpose on all of the same
class of claims in 1870 that were
written after the practice upon
which that year, as which time the
appropriation of 1870 went into
operation. The claims settled in
1870 before the passage of that
act were

[illegible]
[illegible]

Jany 8 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued and withdrawn during December 1876.

Also for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor coinage operations for December 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

&c.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Sany 8 . 7

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $40,000. for the support of this Mint for the current month, January, out of the following appropriations.

Salaries	$3,200.
Wages	27,000.
Incidentals.	9,800.

The same as last month, and will thank the Department for the usual prompt remittance

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Jany 3 7

Dear Sir.

The partition wall between the Mint and the premises of Mr. Sol. H. Rice, and the Tabernacle Church, has been rebuilt at a total cost of $148.15. of which the Mint pays one half, and the other half is chargable to Mr. Rice and the Church as follows.

The Church ⅓	$48.72	
Mr Rice ⅓	25.86	
Total	$74.00	

We find agreement & send the bill to you as the representative of the Church and of Mr Rice, and await payment at your early convenience.

Architects Office
1861 Arch St

Very Respectfully
[illegible] Clerk

January 4 7

My Dear Sir.

The charges at the Philada. Mint for parting silver bullion, are from 1/2 to 1 cents per oz. according to the amount of Gold in said bullion. No change has been made in these charges. The charges at the New York Assay office are the same as at Philada.

Yours very truly

Jas. Pollock.

A. J. Dallas, Esq.

Jany 4 57

Sir.

Referring to your letter of Dec. 27th ult. I herewith enclose b/d of this date. No. 1105. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia for $209.26. coin, proceeds of the re-coinage of $241. light gold coin, deposited by you for that purpose, Dec. 29th.

I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum No. 1759.

I have to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the b/d.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

D. H. Carter, Esq
Asst Treasurer
Rochester. N.Y.

Lancy 4 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of Dec. 22d ult. I herewith enclose b/E. in duplicate. of this date. No. 114. from the Bank Governor U. S. at Philadelphia for $482.20. coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $488. light gold coin, deposited by you for that purpose on the 22d of December.

I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum No. 1756.

I have to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of the b/E.

John Hays. Esq
Coll of Customs.
Milwaukee. Wis.

Very Respectfully
J. [illegible] Snyder Supt

Jany 4 7

Sir.

This letter will be handed to you by Mr. J. Thompkins, the Inspector of weights and balances of this Mint, who visits the Assay offices under instructions from the Director of the Mint, to adjust the weights and balances at your office.

Very Respectfully

Yours &c

Chas. A. Dalton Esq.
Asstt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Jany 4 7

Sir.

I have the honor to report that the following dies were used in the coinage of 1876. viz.

Gold

Denomination.	Obverse.	Reverse
Double Eagles	15	19
Eagles	1	1
Half Eagles	1	1
Three Dollars	1	1
Quarter Eagles	1	1
One Dollars	2	2
Total	21	21

Silver

Trade Dollars	8	8
Half do.	78	67

	Obverse	Reverse
Quarter Dollar	101.	108
Twenty Cents	2.	2.
Dimes	72.	69.
Totals	268	254

Minor Coinage

Five cent Nickel	119	68
Three " "	7	11
One cent Bronze	39	53
Totals	165	132

Recapitulation.	Gold.	Silver	Minor.	Total.
Obverse	21	268	165	454
Reverse	22	207	182	406
Total	43	522	227	860

Their number agrees with the number reported by the Engraver as delivered of the Coined during the year 1876.

No. of these dies have been destroyed by the Coiner by the use of the punch and sledge in

the proceeds of the Superintendent and Treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of the 61st Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, with the exception of the following reverse dies which were redelivered to the Coiner for use during the year 1877.

Dime	11
Five Cent Nickel	4
Three Cent "	9
One " Bronze	7
Total	32

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 4 1

Sir.

Your letter of the 18th inst enclosing for examination a twenty five cent silver coin, was duly rec'd.

The coin is genuine and of the legal weight, and I herewith return a perfect coin in its place.

The mark of the perfect ring in the piece you sent is owing to the use of a plane or file in removing in the original attempt in the process of coining.

Very Respectfully

Albert Story. Esq
Little Falls
N. Y.

Jany 30 7

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of the 2d inst. Mr. Hemphill left here this morning to adjust the weights and balances at the New York Assay Office, and will remain there until that work is done.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 5 7

Sir.

When printed I will thank you to send me a dozen copies of the annual table of the value of foreign coins.

I would also like to have a dozen copies of the printed table of the weight deviation and allowance of U. S coins before and since the Coinage Act of 1870. I have only one copy left, and that is pasted on the wall in the Chief Clerks room.

The package of Mint coinage certificates has been received.

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Very Respectfully
Director of the Mint. J. A. Bolles Asst

Lancs 7

To the Honorable the Judges of
the Court of Common Pleas N.C.

Will your Honors do me
the kindness to excuse Mr. Andrew
J. Fleming from serving as a
Juryman, for the Term for which
he has been summoned. He think
is now engaged in his attended
capacity, early and late, and Mr.
Fleming is a machinist who cannot
be spared without detriment to
the public service.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Elliott
Lancs

Lany 6 7

Gentlemen.

Does your proposal of the 4th inst. contemplate furnishing Honey brook and Bowmen Rigd Lehigh coal, either on board, as may be required from time to time? Please advise me.

Yours Respectfully

J. & E. Ellicott

Messrs.
Brannan & Bro
108 Washington Av
Phila

Jany 6 77

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed, for week ending January 6. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Chas Ellis

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Jany 6. 1877

Sir.

I forward herewith my Ordinary & Refining Expenses A/c's for December 1876.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 6 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Certificate of Deposit No 3136 for Seventy four and 08/100 Dollars ($74.08) deposited this day with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia on account of Sale of Old Material as follows.

Rec'd of Mr A. McIntyre for party wall between U. S. Mint and Presbyterian Church.

Please forward the Certificate to it proper destination

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D. C

Jany 8 1

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst I have to say that the eagle of 1799 is not rare, and only worth its intrinsic value, $10.60, gold.

We are here and in our collection, and do not wish to buy.

Mr. Martin Doherty. Rondout. N.Y.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ross Snowden

Supt

Sany 8 7

Messrs

John A. Grier. N. S. Garnett. and
A. W. Downing.

Will proceed without delay to
make a very careful inspection and
examination of all the machinery and
apparatus of the Mint, to ascertain
whether any portion is becoming
impaired or likely to become so
from the large and continued work
devolved upon the Mint, and report
the result to me, at the earliest
convenient moment, without inter-
fering with in any unnecessary current
work, together with an approximate
estimate of the probable cost of
any

any repairs that may be found necessary.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Lovell

Supt.

Copy 8 7

Sir

On the 29th of December last Dr. Charles M. Wilkins, placed in my hands his resignation of the position he holds as one of the Curators in the Mint Cabinet of Coins and Medals, to take effect the 31st day of January inst which I have accepted and filed, and at the close of the present month his name will be dropped from the rolls accordingly.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

J. A. Leach
Supt

Jany 8 77

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst, calling for the remaining Stevens trade dollar dies for the Mint at San Francisco, and the Superintendents complaint that those already forwarded had cracked badly, I herewith endorse our Engravers promise that the desired dies shall be forwarded tomorrow, and his opinion as to the probable cause of the dies cracking, and the steps he has taken to prevent such a result hereafter.

He also assures me that all the remaining dies for 1877 for the Carson and San Francisco

Mints will be finished and forwarded in the course of the next ten days.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8 7

Sir

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, b/e of this date, No. 3196, in my favor, for $169 coin, on a/c of parting, refining and bar charges.

Very Respectfully

Geo. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 9 7

Sir.

In compliance with your directions of the 6th inst, I have appointed Messrs John A. Grier, assistant engineer, A. L. Garrett, foreman of the rolling room, and A. W. Downing, foreman of the coining room, a committee to make a very careful examination of the machinery and apparatus of the Mint, and report to me in writing, at their earliest convenience, whether any and what repairs are needed, and the probable expense thereof. When their report is received I will write further on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Geo. M. Bibb Supt

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Jany 9 7

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 8th inst, I have to state that no pattern pieces have been prepared by the Mint since the first issue of the Trade Dollar.

Yours Truly

Test Oliver

Supt

Jeremiah Colburn. Esq

Boston

Mass

Jany 9 77

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, as per the enclosed duplicate receipt, the following dies for 1877.

Trade Dollars, obverse 16. Reverse—
Half Dollars. " 6 " 6

Very Respectfully
J. A. Longstreet.
Supt

Hon.
N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 9 77

Sir.

Inclosed I forward the Superintendents and the Assayers report of the inspection and regulation of all the Troy weights ordinarily employed in the transactions of this Mint, according to the legal standard weights, corresponding to the standard Troy pound of the Mint of the United States, in accordance with Section 20 of the Coinage Act of 1873. and the Directors circular of February 27, 1874.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Jany 9 7

Dear Sir

The troy ounce of fine gold is worth $20.67.2 in gold coin.

The gold dollar weighs 25.8 grains, and contains 23.22 grains fine.

The silver (trade) dollar weighs 420 grains, & contains 378 grains fine.

We do not understand your last question. There is no discount on bullion 400 to 900 fine: All bullion is valued in proportion to its fineness with a small charge for refining when necessary.

Respy yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

G. A. Fitch Esq
Poplar Bluffs Station
Mo

Jany 9 7

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing copy of a complaint from the Coiner of the Mint at San Francisco of the defective state of the dies forwarded to that Mint, I herewith enclose a communication from our Engraver Mr Barber suggesting that the trouble is owing to the manner in which the dies are prepared and hardened after they reach San Francisco. From the comparative results of the coinage operations of the two Mints, Philadelphia and San Francisco, this is probably the case

explanation. You will observe that Mr Barbed is willing to give whatever advisory help may be in his power to improve the Coining process at San. Francisco.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
A. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 9 1

Sir.

Upon the nomination of the Senate herewith endorsed, I have made the following appointments in that department of this Work and submit them for your approval.

1. Miss. Henrietta E. Smith to be an Assistant at $1.75 per diem from the 1st of February proximo.

2. Henry P. Hansell as a Cutter ~~his~~ George Hansell deceased, at $2.00 per diem, from the date of confirmation.

H. P. Hansell is George Hansell's son.

Miss Smith's appointment
is made at President Grant's per-
sonal application and request,
and the 22nd of February was
fixed by herself as the time
that would be most convenient
for her to enter upon the per-
formance of her duties.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 9 7

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. I have to day forwarded to you by the Adams Express Company, a package containing impressions of all the new designs for the silver dollar and subsidiary silver coins, thus far completed by the Engraver, and herewith enclose a letter from the Engraver containing a list of the specimens

The additional designs which he has in progress will be forwarded for your inspection as soon as completed.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Janʸ 10th 7

Sir.

I will thank you to forward for the use of this office two or three Copies of form of "tables of Salaries" as used in the department. The kind we have in use here was issued in the year 1867, and differs from the one above referred to, making a slight difference in monthly settlements

Very Respectfully
Jos. Ellot
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Mint of the United States
Carson City, Nev. July 7

Sir

I send herewith statement of purchases for fourth quarter of 1876, we had no values on the invoices for any of the purchases except for the pieces for the Nevada Bank for which a detailed statement has been forwarded to your office.

I believe the information contained in the statement enclosed is all that is desired by you, If not please inform me and I will forward such statement as you may desire.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Lesher
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 10 77

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst has been received.

A deposit of gold was made at this Mint by Mathew Gostwin, on the 27th of November 1876, and paid to him December 2d 1876. Amount of deposit $244.06.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolles

Supt

Mr

M. Gostwin.

Union Stock Yards.

Chicago

Ill

Jany 10 7

Philadelphia Gas Co.

Please put a new gas meter in the Mint, upon order of our Plumber.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Jany 10 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 9th inst. in reference to the steel of which dies and made, has been received, and your suggestions will receive due attention. In partial answer now, I enclose a communication from the Engraver, stating that the new invoice of steel is of the same brand and manufacture as the previous supply, and from the same source, Jessop & Co. Sheffield, England, through their American agents Jamis & Hard & Co. Philadelphia, and that the same steel is used to make dies for the Royal Mint. London. The whole trouble

At San Francisco seems to be
in the hardening.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 10 7

Sir.

I herewith forward Statement of Coin deliveries, and assay coins received, during the quarter ending December 31. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 11 7

Sir

You have been appointed a Cutter in the Coiners department of this Mint, at $2,00 per diem, and will take the enclosed oath of office before an Alderman, and bring it with you. You will report for duty to the Coiner. O. C. Kerbyshell, Esq, abroad.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm
Henry P. Hansell.
Phila

Jany 11 7

Miss. Henrietta L. Smith.

According to promise I have appointed you an adjuster in the Mint at $1.75 per diem, to take effect Feby 1st the time fixed by yourself as the most convenient period to enter upon the performance of your duties.

I will thank you to call at the Mint a day or two before the 1st of Feby to subscribe to the oath of office, and receive directions.

Yours very Truly

Jas Pollock

Supt

Jany 11 7

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst has been received.

After a careful search, your envelope, containing spoons, without any letter with it, was found in the Assayer room to which it had been directed. It should have been sent to the Supt of the Mint.

The Mint does not receive deposits under $100. in value, but as a special accommodation, I herewith enclose you the full value of the silver sent, $2.20,

Very Respectfully

Yours.

John A. Gerrille jer.

Ulica. Mo

Supt

Jany 11 7

Sir

Enclosed I forward Certificate of Deposit No 3139 for Ninety and 50/100 Dollars ($90.50) deposited with the Asst Treasurer U.S at Philadelphia, on account of Assay of Ores and Samples from July 11th to December 15th 1876

Please forward the Certificate to its proper destination

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 11 7.

Sir

Upon the Coiners nomination, herewith endosed, I have appointed Frederick W. Barnewall, as a Roller in the Coiners department of this Mint, at $2.90 per diem, vice John Gallaher Jr. resigned, to take effect from the date of the official oath, and submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Jany 1. 7

Sir

Yours of the 5th
inst received to day.
The cents of 1857-8
do not contain gold,
and are worth but
one cent, each.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
W. B. Latham.
Ravenswood
N. C.

Jany 12 7

Sir.

Your inquiries of the 9th inst. have been referred for answer to the Director of the Mint, Washington. D. C. the official head of the Minting Institutions of the United States, and by whom it will doubtless be acknowledged.

Very Respectfully

Chas. E. Pollard

Supt

Mr.

Yung Wing.

Hartford

Ct

Jany 12 7

Sir

I the enclosed comprehensive communication from Mr. Yung Wing, an educated Chinaman, a graduate of Yale College, residing at Hartford, Conn, is hardly within my province to answer, and I refer it to you for such disposition as may be deemed expedient, and have so informed the writer. I suppose such inquiries could only properly come to you through the Chinese Minister and our Secretary of State.

Hon. Very Respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Geo. Boutwell

Director of the Mint. Supt

Jany 12 7

Sir.

Upon the recommendation of the boiner, herewith enclosed, I have promoted Thomas H. Wilson, now Roller at $2,00 to be Foreman of the Rollers at $2,00 per diem, vice John Bumm, the present Foreman; and Ellis Hemsted, now Annealer at $2.00 to be Foreman of the Annealers at $2.00 per diem; both these changes to take effect Feby 1st proximo. There has been no Foreman of the Annealers for a long time but Mr. Hemsted has been acting in that capacity.

These promotions await

your approval under the
4th section of the coinage
Act of 1870.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Hon.
C. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 12 7

Sir.

I herewith forward Statement in Settlement of the account of A. L. Snowden bonded, made with the Superintendent December 30. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Jany 12th 1877

Sir

I herewith submit a statement of domestic Silver bullion Purchased for the quarter ended Dec. 30th 1876.

Purchased over the Counter;

Std Ozs. 7.478.— Cost $ 7.729.64

Silver parted from Gold

Std Ozs. 3.143.71 Cost $ 3.247.07

Very Respectfully Your
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 10 77

Sir.

I enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed, for week ending Jany 10. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 13 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward official oath of Henry P. Wendell. Cutter in the Coiners Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Extra.

Supt. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 18 7

Sir

I am out of blanks for the monthly Statement of Bars Manufactured, and will thank you for a further supply.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

N. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Jany 10 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Official Oath of Frederick W. Barnewall, Roller in the Coiners department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. A. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
R. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 10 77

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst & herewith return, properly endorsed, Mint receipt accompanying certificate of Gold deposit # 914. belonging to my Bullion Accounts for the Third Quarter, 1876.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the U.S.
Philada Jany. 10th 1877

Sir.

The amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business on the 13th inst is approximated by the Operative Officers as follows: viz-

In hands of Melter & Refiner, Ozs. 1.375.000
Do Coiner 275.000
Total Ozs 1.650.000

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 15 57

Sir

Your order of the 10th inst for 109 additional dies for the Mint at Carson, has been received, and communicated to the Engraver, who informs me that he will have them ready to forward by the last of this month, at the same time with the remainder of the dies heretofore ordered for that Mint, and the Mint at San Francisco.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ross Snowden

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Jany 16 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 15th inst, I herewith return with the assayers signature, report of silver bullion deposited No. 194. belonging to my Bullion account. Third Quarter. 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ford

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 17 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 12th inst, I herewith return the Bond of Indemnity for Lock Mint receipt No. 959, belonging to my bullion account for the Third Quarter, 1876, with the names of the parties bounded filled in the conditions of the obligation.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kimball

Supt

Hon.

D. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

January 18th 7

Sir;

I have to request that at the close of business every Saturday you will furnish the Book-Keeper with a carefully approximated statement of the amount of Silver Bullion in your hands. This statement is required for the information of the Director of the Mint, whose order is peremptory.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. Wyatt

Chief.

Henry S. Cochran Esq

Weigh Clerk

Mint U.S. Phila

January 18th 7

Sir;

I have to request that at the close of business every Saturday you will furnish the Book-keeper with a carefully approximated statement of the amount of Silver Bullion in your hands.

This statement is required for the information of the Director of the Mint. whose order it is peremptory.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

O. C. Bosbyshell Esq
Coiner.
Mint U.S. Phila.

January 18th 7

Sir;

I have to request that at the close of business every Saturday you will furnish the Book-Keeper with a carefully approximated statement of the amount of Silver Bullion in your hands. This statement is required for the information of the Director of the Mint, whose order is peremptory.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Prof Jas C Booth

Melter & Refiner

Mint U.S. Phila.

Jany 18 77

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 17th inst. and the telegraphic complaint of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco that their Double Eagle dies and defective in consequence, I have to state that upon careful personal examination, I find that the Double Eagle dies and coins of this Mint for 1877, are entirely satisfactory, and not inferior in any respect to any of former years and our dies, with the exception of the initial, are identical with those forwarded to San Francisco.

The set of Double Eagle dies

You heard ordered for the San Francisco Mail, will be finished and forwarded by Monday next at Fort Leck. Each duplicate will also be completed at the same time, and, with your consent, obtained here for experiment, to compare results here, and at San Francisco.

I herewith enclose communication from Mr Joiner, the Engraver, and Mr Downing. You will observe that Mr Border retains drills until the question of patents.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Pollock

Lieut U.S.A.

Hon.
J. R. Lindermann.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 19 7

Sir

I herewith forward Estimate of Deficiencies for this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1876. comprising the following bills which were not presented for payment until after my accounts for ordinary expenses were closed for that year, and the appropriation exhausted.

Fitzgerald & Sons.	Stg	$ 46.65
Wood Conbright & Co.	Printing	7.57
Charles Lennig.	Acids	68.40
Hoops & Townsend.	Washers	5.47
Knickerbocker Ice Co.	Ice	164.31

The first three bills I forwarded to you last summer

The last two only came to my knowledge within the last few days.

Very Respectfully
Jno. S. Clark
Asst.

Hon.
N. P. Lindsman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 19 7

Sir

Upon the nomination of the Board, herewith enclosed, I have appointed William S. Clark, assigned in the general department of this Mint, to be assistant to the Board, from and after the first of February next at the compensation fixed by law, and submit the same for your approval under the Coinage Act

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

St. Louis, 7

Sir

I enclose Statements of Sources of deposits and purchases for the months of August, September, October & November. The statement for December will be forwarded in a short time.

The delay in sending the statements was caused first by the great press of business and in the second place by the present method of calculation which makes it necessary to recalculate many of the large purchases.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon: H. T. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Jany. 20. 1877

Sir

Will you please urge the early remittance of my draft for funds for Ordinary Expenses, the amount on hand being very low.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 20 7

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending January 20, 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kimball

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

D.C.

Jany 22 7

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. I herewith enclose Mr Barbers explanation of his reversal of the radii of the Double Eagles, and add further that the new Double Eagles are very beautiful coins and a great improvement upon those of last year, as you will be gratified to see for yourself upon your first visit to the Mint. The reversal of radii would not necessarily make any difficulty in pairing, and in fact does not. In conjunction with Mr Barber and Mr. Downing, I read a number of

piles of Double Eagles, since the receipt of your letter, and they weed in all cases entirely satisfactory. The pieces piled equally as well as if the reversed of radii had not been made.

Very. Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

N. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 22 7

Sir,

The specimens you send are, first, native copper, which is evidently very good; & second, nodules of oxide of iron, the very best for working, only not apt to be found in quantity.

Yours respy

J. D. Whitney

Supt.

Mr. Graham K. Linck
Vincennes Ill.

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Janʸ. 22. 1877

Sir.

The Operative Officers report the following sums as the amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business on Saturday, the 20th inst. Viz:

Melt & Refine Ozs. 1.337.743.06
Coin 125.500.

Total Ozs. 1.463.243.06

Very Respectfully.
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Jany. 22d 1877

Sir:

Enclosed I submit statement of the loss by recoinage of certain light or mutilated gold coins for yours &c. which I will thank you to have eliminated from my &c, in the usual way.

Very Respectfully
J. R. Snowden
Supt

Hon. A. W. Wyman
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 22 7

Sir

I have on hand forty thousand Dollars ($40,000.) redeemed one cent coins, and eighteen hundred Dollars ($1,800) in the large one cent copper pieces. These coins choke up my vaults and take up room that I need for other coins, and are in bags that will rot in time and let out their contents into the open space of the vaults, when they would be liable to disappear in small sums, in spite of precautions to the contrary.

The redemption of minor

coins

coins now exceeds the reissue and in their present shape and an embarrassment, and imposes an unwelcome responsibility for their safe keeping. I therefore ask permission to deliver the coins I have specified to the Melter and Refiner, to be melted and cast into bars, and in that shape to be sold, if that be deemed expedient, or held, at a stipulated price, for future use. If so held, the price in the settlement of my accounts, to be determined by the market value of the materials at the time of melting.

The difference between the tale value of the coins and the market value of the bars would be credited to profit and loss as wastage, there being no fund

out of which the deficiency could be paid, and as we are not receiving we have no minor coinage profits to be applied to this purpose.

The vault room I must have, or I must stop receiving redeemed minor coins for want of a place to put them.

Very Respectfully

Yours.

Wm. P. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 20 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 22d inst. received.

Conestoga sheetings, for filtering, ¾ wide, made at Lancaster, Pa. can be procured of Granville B. Haines, No. 1013 Market Street, Philadelphia. Latest price, thirty (30) cents a yard.

Very Respectfully

Jno. R. Cloud

Supt

Thos. L. Elder, Esq.
Supt U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Jany 28 7

Sir.

Yours of the 21st inst is at hand.

For the information you desire you should apply to a dealer in coins, as we do not deal in old coins and cannot give you the prices they bring outside the mint among collectors and dealers. I enclose a card of a dealer in this city, also our medal circular. The only coins we sell are proof coins of the current year.

Very Respectfully

H. L. Pollock

Asst

Mr. H. M. Rhoads.
Trenton. N.J.

Jany 28 7

Sir.

The three additional pairs of Double Eagle dies properly bas-ined, ordered in your letter of the 22d inst. for the Mint at San Francisco, will be prepared and forwarded this week.

The dies they cannot use there, can be adapted to our use here, if returned to us.

All the remaining dies for Carson and San Francisco ordered by you in the fall, will be completed and forwarded before the close of this month.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

U. S. Mint Philadelphia
January 23 7

Hon H. R. Linderman. Dir U. S. Mint
Washington. D C.

The 10000 cents are Copper-Nickel Alloy

(Telegram) Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Jany 29 7

Sir

Your proposal to supply the Mint with the best quality Lehigh broken or egg coal, during the six months ending June 30. 1877, at four dollars and ninety cents ($4.90) per ton of 2240 pounds, is hereby accepted, the coal to be delivered at the rate of about fifty tons per week, as may be required from time to time.

I reserve the right to rescind this contract upon any failure of performance on your part.

Your Obt Servt

Mr. W. W. Allen.
957 S. 9th St.
Phila.

Jany 24 7

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst received.

The coins struck at the San. Francisco Mint and identified by a small letter "S;" the coins from the Carson City Mint, Nevada, by the small letters "C.C;" and the New Orleans Mint by the letter "O."

Coins from the Philadelphia Mint have no distinctive mark.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Supt

Mr.

A. Graham, Jr

Kennett Square

Pa

Jany 24 7

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst is received

As an accommodation the Mint makes assays of mineral specimens when not too much pressed with our regular work. Such only to see if they contain gold or silver. Assays are not made for other metals. The charge is $3. prepaid. for each specimen assayed. Half a pound of the mineral. if a fair average specimen, is generally sufficient for an assay.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock Supt

Wm. Philander Brown.
Hat Bottom. Pa

Jany 24 7

Sir

I have received your letter of the 23d inst with regard to the reversal of the radii of the Double Eagle dies, at the notice you should have had at the time of that change; and advised the Engraver of its contents.

The fact of the reversal leaked out accidentally at the close of business one day, in the course of the correspondence with you about the San Francisco dies, I having had no previous notice or knowledge of it. I at once admonished Mr Barber that I

should

should have been promptly advised of so important a change, and hereafter I must be kept informed of all changes that he may have occasion to make. In that way only could you be duly advised of operations here, and trouble avoided at the other Mints.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 20 7

Sir.

The package of ores from Washington Territory through Senator Kelley, of Oregon, mentioned in your letter of yesterday, has been received, and in compliance with your directions will be assayed, and the results communicated to you, as soon as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Jany 20 7

Sir

I am advised by Prof Booth, our Melter and Refiner, that he desires to be absent from the City for a few days after next Sunday. At his suggestion I have appointed Mr. N. B. Boyd as acting Melter and Refiner during Mr Booth's absence, and report the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 25 7

Sir.

I herewith forward 6/s in duplicate, Jany 24. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, in your favor, for the sum of $270.92 coin, proceeds of the recoinage of $277.50 light gold coin, forwarded by you for that purpose. I will thank you to acknowledge its receipt.

I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum No. 06.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Jos. L. Abbott, Esq
Coll of Customs.
Wilmington. N. C.

Jany 20 7

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 20th inst has been received.

There were no diamonds noticed in your deposit when received, nor when melted, or after melting in the flux when ground. All the washings for a week or more back were washed over again, and nothing found resembling diamonds. You probably are mistaken about there coming here.

Very Respectfully

Jas Prosser

Messrs.
Rhoads & Reed.
Lancaster. Pa.

U.S. Mint Philadelphia
January 25th 1877.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Dir. U.S. Mint
Washington
D.C.

We begin to coin to day and will deliver on Saturday about forty or fifty thousand dollars in quarters.

Jos. Pollock
Supt

(Answer to telegram of the 25 Jany 1877 from Dir)

U. S. Mint Philadelphia.

Telegraph. Jany 26. 1877

To Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Three pairs double eagle dies and two pairs sent to San Francisco to day. None sent Monday, not ready then.

Supt

Telegraph, Jany 26. 1877

To Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Heighth pile twenty double eagles old dies, one inch and fifteen sixteenths, new dies one inch and sixty three sixty fourths. Difference three sixty fourths.

A. E. Wood
Supt

Jany 26 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 25th inst. calling for a report of the inspection of the machinery of the Mint, has been received.

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. I appointed the Mint Engineer, and the respective foreman of the rolling room and coining room a committee to make the desired examination and report to me in writing.

They very carefully performed that duty, taking such times as would least interfere with their own regular duties, and

enable them to make an intelligent and definite inspection of the machinery.

Their report was submitted to me yesterday afternoon, but at too late an hour to be copied and forwarded to you by last night's mail.

It is very creditable to the committee, and their suggestions meet my approval in detail, but I am strongly of opinion that their estimate of the aggregate amount that will be needed to put and keep the Mint machinery in good repair is quite too low. To be prepared for unforseen contingencies, I think would require a sum of not less than fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) Indeed I think $20,000 would not be

too much to set apart for that purpose, in addition to our regular appropriations, and I do recommend.

I very much regret the action of the House Committee on Appropriations in so severely cutting down the appropriations for this Mint. They surely cannot expect us to meet the urgent demands for coinage, and yet make the ends meet at the close of the next fiscal year.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Elwell

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

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Very Respectfully

J. A. Ellwood

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 26 7

Sir.

As telegrathed you this morning, I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, as per the enclosed duplicate receipt, a box containing three (3) pairs Double Eagle dies for that Mint, and two Facing. The pair of dies promised for last Monday were not ready and could not be forwarded until to day.

I enclose a note from the Engraver.

A box of dies for the Mint

at

at Carson will be forwarded tomorrow.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

D. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 26 7

Sir

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, b/d of this date, No 3147, in my favor, for $262.12 coin deposited with the Assd Treasurer, on a/c of parting, refining and lead charges.

Very Respectfully

Jos. P. Wood

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 27 /

Sir.

You will please prepare, as soon as practicable, and forward to the Mint at San. Francisco, the following dies.

Trade Dollar 80 obverse and 80 reverse.

Very Respectfully

G. T. Brown

Supt

Wm Barber Esq

Engraver

U. S. Mint
Jany 27. 1877.

The following report of the Assayer of the New York Assay office of the assay of test coins received at this Mint during Jany 1877, has been handed to the Coiner, Assayer and Melter & Refiner.

	Weight		Fineness	
	grains	Dec	Gold.	Silver
Double Eagle	516	:2	899	.8
1 Half Dollar	190.	22	Trace	899
2 do do	199.	20	"	899

James Pollock
Supt
Spec Mint
Supts Clerk.

Jany 27 77

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coinage Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending January 27. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 27 7

Sir.

I yesterday forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, by the Adams & Express Company, as per endorsed receipt, three boxes containing in the aggregate the following dies for that Mint, which complete your order of last fall.

Dies	Obverse	Reverse.
Double Eagles	2	6
Half Dollars	22	6
Quarter Dollars	27	9
Dimes	20	20

Together with two basins for Double Eagle dies, as specified in a note from the Engraver herewith

enclosed.

Enclosed of the Quarter Dollars dies, and fourteen dimes, and check gauged, as directed.

The schedule of the contents of these boxes was not furnished me until this morning, which is the reason why I could not advise you of this shipment by last nights mail.

The two additional pair of Double high dies for the Carson Mint properly basined, called for in your letter of the 24 ult. will be finished and forwarded in a few days.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 27 7

Sir

The 90 steers and the 90 mixed Indian dollar ties for the Mint at San Francisco called for in your letter of the 26th inst will be prepared as soon as can conveniently be done.

The Engraver says he will be able to forward ten of each in about eight days, and the balance as soon after as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

P. Lloyd
Supt

Jan 27th 1

Sir,

By request of the Director in his letter of the 25 the inst, you will prepare and deliver to me 25 medals for the Annual Assay that meets here on the 1st. February 1877; also provide 20 suitable vases at a cost not exceeding 25 cents each.

2. Also, as requested in the Director's letter of the 26th. inst, you will, as early as practicable, furnish me with such suggestions as to the particular and best mode of hardening dies, that the same may be communicated to the Mint at San Francisco, to aid in securing a more skilful method of working.

3. By same authority, in his second letter of the 26th. inst,

you will prepare and forward as promptly as possible, additional Double Eagle dies, hardened, bazined and finished ready for immediate use on arrival, in such number as will be equal to the monthly coinage of $4,000,000. at the Mint in San Francisco, and $300,000. at the Mint in Carson City.

4. By request in your second letter, you will fully explain your reasons for not informing the Superintendent or any of the Stretton Mints, of the change in the mode of bazining the Double Eagle dies, etc.

Your early attention to all three subjects is urged.

Very Respectfully

Wm Barber Esq.
Engraver

J. R. Snowden
Superintendent

Mint of the U.S.
Philada Jany. 27. 1877

Sir.

The amount of Silver Bullion on hand (as per report of the Operative Officers) at the close of business this day is as follows

In hands of Melter & Refiner Oz. 1.034.698.-
Do Coiner 240.000
Total " 1.274.698

Very Respectfully
J. P. Leland
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 27 7

Sir,

Your two letters of the 26th inst. in reference to the proper method of hardening dies, the reversal of radii, and additional Double Eagle dies for the Western Mint, finished and ready for use on arrival, have been received, and their contents communicated to the Engraver.

Mr Barber will furnish written directions for properly hardening dies on Monday next, and about the same time will explain his omission to give notice of the reversal of the radii.

The additional Double Eagle dies

required will at once be put under way so as to lose as little time as possible; but you will see by the endorsed note from the Engraver, that they cannot be finished for use on arrival, until he has been advised of the pack dimensions to which they bound their dies at those Mints, both as to length and size of collar. Will you see that Mr. Barber's request is complied with, and if possible have samples dies and collar sent to this Mint for his guidance.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ellsworth

Supt

Hon.

J. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Jany 29

Sir.

Your inquiry of the 20th inst, was received this morning.

The first U. S. silver coins were struck in 1794. and consisted that year of dollars, half dollars, and half dimes.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Reed

Supt

Mr.
Wm E. Hallock.
Washington
D. C.

Jany 29 7

Sir.

Your postal card is received.

The $50. gold piece you mention, was made by private parties in California before it was admitted into the Union. We have a sample in the Mint Cabinet, but have none for sale. You may be able to procure them from coin dealers, or collectors of coins &c. and herewith enclose you a card of a dealer in this city.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr.
W. H. Metzger
Uniontown. Pa.

Jany 29 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 26th inst has been received.

There is no provision of law whatever for the redemption or exchange of silver three cent pieces. They are not token coins, and do not come within the terms of the Act you quote. Token or minor coins are of copper, bronze, or copper-nickel.

You can sell your silver 3 cent pieces to the Brokers for whatever they will bring, or the Mint will receive them as a deposit of bullion, but in either case the law

loss to you will be 25 to
30 per cent.

Very Respectfully

Yours

Messrs.
Smith Brothers.
Poughkeepsie.
N. Y.

Janz 29 7

Sir

I herewith forward the official Bond of William A. Steel. Assistant to the Coiner of this Mint, together with the affidavits of the sureties

I also enclose Mr. Steels official oath.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C

Jany 30 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 23d inst. I herewith enclose b/E in duplicate, No. 119, January 29th, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, in your favor for $178.27 coin, proceeds of the recoinage of $176. light gold coin. I will thank you to acknowledge its receipt.

I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum No. 120.

Very Respectfully

Cyrus Northrop. Esq
Coll of Customs.
New Haven. Ct

Jas Pollock
Supt

Jany 20 1837

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 26th ult. I herewith forward, for the benefit of the Philada Mint, a statement by and Engraved, Mr. Barber, of his method of hardening and tempering dies.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon'd.

H. L. Ellsworth
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 30 7

Sir

I herewith forward receipt Jany 29 th. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia No. 779. in the name of Hon. A. U. Wyman, Treasurer U. S. for sixty dollars and three cents ($60.03) coin, proceeds of the coinage of the nuggets of gold, by Express, specified in your letter of the 24 th inst. As the document is not in my name, I will thank you to acknowledge its receipt as my voucher

I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 121, in the name

of

of the Express Agent who
made the deposit.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
James Gilfillan
Asst Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Jany 30 7

Sir

I have to day forwarded to the Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express Co, two pairs of Double Eagle dies, properly boxed, as directed in your letter of the 24th inst.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Jany 30 7

Sir.

The box of annual assay coins from your Mint for the 4th Quarter 1876, specified in your letter of the 2d inst., was duly received.

Very Respectfully

Lieut

A. A. Langford. Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Jany 30 7

Sir.

The three boxes of annual assay ores from your Mint, for the 4th quarter 1876, specified in your letter of the 4th inst, were duly received

Very Respectfully

John F. Wolf
Supt

James Crawford Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev.

Jany 30 7

Sir.

Referring again to your letter of the 26th inst, I herewith enclose a communication of this date, from Mr. Barber, explaining why he did not give notice of his reversal of the radii of the Double Eagle dies of 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 30 7

Sir.

I have appointed David M. Evans, now transfer clerk, deposit room, general department of this Mint @ $4. per diem, as Weigher in the deposit room at $5. per diem vice William J. Stad appointed assistant to the Coiner, and submit the same for your approval.

This appointment to take effect February 1. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Your.

[signature]

Supt

N. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Jany 30 7

Sir.

At the request of the Coiner herewith enclosed, I have made the following transfers to take effect Feby 1st 1877, and submit the same for your approval.

W. H. H. Smith, counter in the Redemption department @ $3. per diem, to be Roller in the Coiners department @ $3. per diem.

Albert Singer, Labored in the Coiners department @ $2,75 per diem, to be Roller in the Coiners department at $2.90 per diem.

Very Respectfully

Hon.

H. R Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Supt

Jany 31 7

Dear Sir

The dime sent by you, bearing the mint-mark CC (Carson City) is a badly struck piece, but genuine. We have other complaints of the silver coin made there, and at San Francisco. Allow me to retain it, & send another piece.

The "acid test" you use, will discolor a good coin as well as a bad one. You should use the following:

24 grains of nitrate of silver
in crystals:
15 grains pure nitric acid:
One ounce distilled water.

Any druggist can prepare this,
and a drop on a coin, (after
~~remove~~ scratching the surface
a little) will show whether
it is good or bad.

Respy yours
J. W. Pollock
Supt.

Mr H. D. Litchfield
Chicago
Ill.

Jany 31 1

W. Elliot Woodward Esq.

Dear Sir

The term "Bullion" is applied to gold or silver, after it has been separated from the ore or earthy matter, and not yet coined, or worked into plate.

If there is much base metal with it (copper, lead &c.) it is called base bullion. There is no precise limit of fineness as to the word in question.

Respy

Yours &c

Boston

Brass

Jany 31 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Mariners Monthly Report of Mail executed at this Mail for month of January 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon
P. V. Fairchild
Director of the Mail
Washington
D.C.

Jany 31 7

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold	$1. 618. 340. 95
Silver	260. 308. 71
Refining & Parting Dp.	535. 59
Ordinary Dp regular.	32. 768. 65
Minor Coinage	85. 228. 49
" Coins Exchanged	4. 448. 42
" do Reissued	28. 560. 00
" Coinage Redemption.	117. 802. 71
	$2. 150. 983. 52

which

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working condition, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Dir.

Hon.
R. E. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Feby 1 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward official oath of Miss. Henrietta L. Smith, Adjusted. in the Coiners department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

Encl.

N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Feb. 1, 1847

Superintendent Mint,

Cardova, Georgia,

The double Eagle dies sent Mr. Smith
ultimo were properly hardened but
not sharpened - Will not send any more
until I hear the result of your further
trials

Collector Cond Letter
of 18th Ult.

W. R. Lindenmuller
Director of the Mint

Feby 1 7

Sir

Your postal card of the 30th of Janv. ult. has been received.

For the weights and fineness of U.S. coins, now and in former years, I refer you to the Directors annual report for 1876, herewith mailed you, pages 44-46 inclusive. The weight and fineness of English and French silver coins you will find on page 44 of the Director's report for 1875, which I send you.

900 fine, is 900 parts pure metal and 100 parts alloy. British "sterling" silver is 925 fine.

Mr. H. P. Upton. Very Respectfully

Boston Mass.

Feby 1 7

Sir.

The Mint is not a dealer in old coins, and issues no price list, such as you call for. We occasionally buy rare coins for the Mint Cabinet, and make the best bargain for them that we can at the time.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Wm.
R. P. Sawyers.
St Louis
Mo

Feby 2d 7

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Statement of Assets, for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Assets to be delivered at the Mint.

Please forward your offer on or before the 10th inst.

Very Respectfully

Supt

E. S. Dennis & Son
New York

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Statement of Services for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of Just Weight, and Coupons to be detached at the Mint.

Please forward your bid on or before the 10th inst.

Very Respectfully

Yours

To

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

at

New York

Febry 2d 71

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find
Statement of Drafts for which
you will be required, Payment
to be made in Eagles
& half eagles, and Specie
to be delivered at the Mint.
Please inform me your offer on
or before the 10th Inst.

Very Respectfully

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Feby 22 1[illegible]

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Feby 2 7

Sir

I have appointed Mr. P. G. Salom, as a workman on the General Roll of this Mint, @ $2.50 per diem, from the 1st of February inst, to be assigned to duty in the Assayers department in order that he may learn thoroughly acquainted with assaying.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
D. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 2 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Minor Coins redeemed, reissued and exchanged, during January 1877.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage Operations during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 2 7

Dear Sir.

In consultation with the Director, who is here, it has been deemed advisable as a measure of safety, to send to you for delivery, if you can find the parties, the enclosed letter of Jany 29. ult. from W. M. & R. J. Lowry, Bankers, Atlanta, Geo, to Church & Co, New York, endorsing their check No. 2489, on the Ninth National Bank New York for $6715 in payment of Franklin Wilkins. The bond having been misdirected to this Mint, and Church & Co's street and number not given.

I will thank you, in advise me

it, to take and send me their receipt for the same.

Yours Truly

Jno Pollock
4th Lieut

Edward C. Potter Esq
Capt. U. S. Navy Office
New York

Feby 2 7

Sir.

I have received from you one (1) pair of Life Saving Medal dies first class, two (2) inches in diameter, ordered for the Treasury Department by the Director of the Mint, as specified in your letter of the 1st inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr.
A. L. Paquet.
1808 Park Av
Phila

Feby 3 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 31st ult. enclosing O. was received, but the sample of ore mentioned was not found in it.

We will retain the money until we hear from you again. Send another piece of ore.

Very Respectfully

J. & R. Lord

Mr.
Philander Brown.
Hop Bottom.
Pa

Feby 8 77

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report, of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending February 8. 1877.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 8 7

Sir

Acting Director Preston has notified me that by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, about $50 coin boxes will be shipped to this Mint by the Bank Treasurer U. S. at New York. We do not need the boxes, and have no place to store them. We are overcrowded for want of room, all yard and vaults, & however the boxes come here we will do the best we can with them.

Very Respectfully

Jno. [illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Feby 6 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 2d inst. I have to say that the dollar of 1796 is not rare and would to collectors of coins bring little over its intrinsic value.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt.

Hon.
Wm. C. Dallis.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 5 7

Sir

The Adams Express Company has presented a Transfer order, No. 4178. dated Feby 1. for $10,000. in Silver coin for the Treasurer U. S. at Washington.

I have not received any letter of advice with regard to said S. O. and therefor await instructions from you, without which I cannot pay the order.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Hon.

A. A. Hyatt.

Treasurer U. S.

Washington. D. C.

Feby. 5th 7

Sir.

I report the following stock of Silver Bullion on Hand at the commencement of business this day- viz

Supt's	Ozs.	180.000.
M & R.	"	1.005.000.
Corner	"	253.000.
Total	"	1.438.000

The last invoice of Silver Bullion from San Francisco will arive probably to morrow.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Snow
Supt

Hon. A. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby 5 7

Sir

Can you conveniently send me a memorandum of our Mail appropriations as they passed the House. I would like to see how we fared at their hands.

Very Respectfully

Hon.

H. R. Lindermen

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

10 D. Feby 5 7

Dear Sir

The instrument you refer
20 D to, was made some 25 years ago, for
sold only; it cannot now be had.
It shows how one could be made for
Telemon silver.
It is a sort of balance, but without
5 D weight, except a counter-weight,
which gives it somewhat the nature
2½ D of a Steelyard. - As you see, it
measures the weight, diameter, &
thickness; the latter by a slot.
Other styles, perhaps better, are likely
to be made, & you will have to employ
your own ingenuity. This instrument
is perhaps not cheap enough, for a large
1 D sale. It ought to be struck up, like
a piece of clockwork.

Resply yours
Jos Saxton Supt Mt

Mr C.L. Sherman. Bearsalls. L.I.

Feby 5 7

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 3d inst. very careful experiments and calculations have been made to day to ascertain the amount of gold that will be required to strike a medal from the new reduced 'Life Saving' medal dies delivered to me last week by Mr. Paquet; and the result is that $68.50 in gold is the amount that will be actually required to properly bring up the impressions. This is the amount these medals will cost the Medal Department, and is the actual

worth

worth of the gold contained therein.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 5 7

Sir.

I herewith forward my requisition of this date, for the usual monthly sum of $42.100. for the service of this Mail for the present month of February. out of the usual annual appropriations, as follows.

Salaries	$ 8.200.
Wages	27.000.
Incidentals	2.500.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
A. R. Livingston
Director of the Mails
Washington.

Phila. 6th.

Gentlemen.

In answer to yours of yesterday I have the pleasure to submit Statement of a small lot of Sweeps now for sale, and will thank you for your bid on or before the 10th inst. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and goods to be delivered at the Mint.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden Supt

Messrs. Howard & Möhle
No. 1 John St.
New York

Feby 5 7

Sir,

In regard to the box of minerals from Oregon, sent by you on y 20th, the Assayer reports, that the three kinds named in the letter (herewith returned) were so loosely put up in small papers, that they came all tumbled together, and with the papers off.

All that we could do was to make one assay of the whole; and as there was nothing characteristic about any of them to draw a line of difference. They contain at the rate of one ounce gold, say twenty dollars, to the ton; and twelve ounces silver, say fourteen dollars, to the ton.

Very respectfully

Supt Pt

Hon A.R. Linderman
Director &c &c.

Feby 6 7

Sir

The piece sent by you, is a Counterfeit dime, apparently of brass. No doubt it was originally coated with silver. It is 7½ grains light.

I return the piece as you request, but as our Assayer makes a study of this subject, for public benefit, we would be glad to have it again, to put in our counterfeit collection, for reference. We have not before seen the dime imitated, in this way.

Respy yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt Mint

To James A. Buchanan

Middletown, Pa.

Feby 6th 7

Sir.

I transmit herewith my Ordinary & Refining Ass for January 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 6 7

Sir:

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury. C/D of this. No. 8166, in my favor from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $66.72 coin, on ye parting, refining and bar charges.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Feby 7 7

Sirs.

Inclosed herewith I forward official oath of P. G. Salom. Workman in the general department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
D. R. Leinderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S. Mr Salom has been assigned to Assay Dept. & now on duty.

J.P.

Feby 7 77

Sir.

In reply to the P.S. in to your letter of the 6th inst. I have to state that there are more pieces in the Coiners possession of dates prior to 1877 than are enumerated. The Coiner is preparing a list of them, which will be forwarded to you as soon as it is completed.

Yours Respectfully.

Jos Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Febry 7. 1877.

One Million (1.000.000) dollars Subsidiary Coin
Costs about thirty five thousand (35.000)
dollars.

Jno. Rileoch
Supt

Feby 7 77

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, the following dies for 1877. in part of your order of October 12 1876.

Dies.	Obverse.	Reverse.
Trade Dollar	—	11
Double Eagle	8	8
Half Dollar	10	0
Quarter do	6	3
Half Eagle	2	2
Quarter do	1	3
Dime	7	7
Twenty cent	3	0
Total	37.	34.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Brown
Capt

Hon.
H. K. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 7 47

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 6th inst., I herewith enclose a copy of a letter from R. M. Patterson, Director, to J. C. Spencer, Secretary of War, dated September 17, 1842. The letter from Director Patterson to Secretary Spencer, dated November 2. 1841, is not on file, and as it cannot be found I am not able to send you a copy. I send you however, a copy of Spencers reply to it, dated November 13. 1841.

Hon. H. R. Linderman, Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ronaldson Esq

Feby 7 7

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of 5th inst., I have never seen it stated that "the 5 cent piece is 2 centimes in diameter."

The diameters of our coins have for many years been adjusted to twentieths of an inch; that of the 5c is sixteen twentieths.

In some countries the diameters are regulated by law. They never have been, here; the measurements being settled by the Director of the Mint, with approval of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Any alteration now, of the 5c piece, might create suspicion of genuineness.

Respectfully yours

J. A. Bradley
Supt

Melvil Dewey Esq.

Feby 7 7

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward, Gold Workings Coinage Department, for six months ending December 30. 1876. and Silver Workings Coinage Department, for the months of September, October, November, and December 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Eckert

Supt

Hon

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby. 7th

Sir.

Replying to your telegram of this date respecting the cost of Coining Subsidiary Silver Coin, I have to State that the amount as given in my telegram of this day was approximated on the following basis

Wages Paid during January	$	17.554.96
Salaries	Do.	2.931.90
Refining expenses	do	462.26
Incidentals	do.	10.000.
Freight	do	5.000.
Total	$	35.949.12

The Coinage of Silver approximated for January $1.300,000.- Gold $240.000- Double Eagles, which latter is a small amount a

P.S. The Coinage of the Mint occupied about 2 days, or 16 hours.

as Compared with the $1.300.000. Subsidiary Coin, which was accomplished by running at night, making the expenses Quater than under ordinary circumstances. The above Figures are independent of the Minor Coinage expenses, and it was thought proper to include the salaries for the same time, and, on a Spinch, the Refining Expenses. Of Course this is only an approximation, and if insufficient for your purpose I will endeavor to take more time for preparing a data result.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Feby 8 — 7

Sir.

The Mint does not keep, and cannot furnish the coins called for in your letter of the 5th inst.

No half cents have been coined since 1857. U. S. coins are not struck after the expiration of the year of their date date, the dies always being destroyed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Dir

John. L Berg. Esq.
Columbia
S. C.

Feby 8 7

Sir,

The half-dollar of 1876, sent by you for examination, is interesting and mysterious.

The weight is right, (exactly 12 gr. heavy) the dies appear genuine, except that they are larger than the Mint pattern; the ring is good; there is no discoloring under our liquid test; and above all, the specific gravity, twice tried, is precisely that of standard silver in coin.

The point in which it fails, is the diameter; being one-eighth of an inch more than it should be; and therefore, not struck in a Mint press. Answerably to this, it is somewhat too thin, except at the very edge.

As you direct it not to be cut, we

are unable to say any thing more about it. We can only suppose that the dies were copied by a mechanical apparatus which can either enlarge or reduce in size; and that the piece was made, not to pass, but to show what could be done. It was just as easy for them to make the diameter right.

We are collecting all the facts we can, in regard to the counterfeiting of coin, and are daily called on, and written to, on that subject. To settle the question about this piece, it should be assayed. One-third of it will be sufficient; the rest can be returned, and will still show the chief characteristics. I therefore retain it until I hear from you again, asking leave to cut the piece.

Very respectfully

Jas. P. Koch
Supt.

Mar. A. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Feby 8 /

Lieut.

In reply to yours of last evening, I hasten to reply, that the Double Eagle dies sent to the Mint at San Francisco at the same time with the basins, were properly hardened before they left this Mint, but as usual, were left a little full to allow for retempering after hardening.

Our Engraver cannot send dies finished and hardened, ready to fit into the press, until he is advised of the exact length of dies, as required in

in his note enclosed in my letter to you of January 27th, and to which he desires to call your attention.

The emergency is a very serious one, as I endeavored to impress upon Mr Barber, at the first discovery of these threatened complications, and I shall do my utmost to extricate all parties from the most unfortunate embarrassment

Very Respectfully
Jas A Hall
Supt

Hon.
N. P. Lindermann
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 8 1

Sir.

I herewith forward for the decision of the Treasury, a/c No 13.01/10. for $3.277.40 silver coin, on a/c balance coinage charges &c.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Asst

Hon.

R. M. Patterson and.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 9 1

Sir.

I herewith hand you copy of a letter to me from the Director of the Mint, dated on the evening of the 7th inst, requesting the preparation of six fine Double Eagle dies, as specified, for the Mint at San Francisco. You will please comply literally and promptly with the Director's instructions, as stated in his letter.

I also hand you a copy of the Directors letter of 8th inst forwarding for your information and guidance the gauge of the collars and length of dies at San Francisco.

Wm Barber, Esq
Engraver of the Mint

Very Respectfully
G. W. Richards Supt

Feby 9 7

Sir

The dime you sent (herewith returned) bears the mint mark CC, Carson City. Some of their coins are not well struck. It is a good coin.

Yours respy

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr S. S. Luckenbach

Bethlehem

Pa

Feby 9 7

Sir.

I have this morning received your letter of the 8th inst furnishing for the information and guidance of the Engraver, the guage of the Double Eagle collars at the San Francisco Mint, and the length of die, and immediately communicated the same to the Engraver.

The finished three pairs of Double Eagle dies for the Mint at San Francisco, properly hasined and hardened, called for in your evening letter of the 7th inst will be furnished and

forwarded by the Adams Express Company, from their main office at 16th and Market Streets, to-morrow, Saturday, afternoon. Not having the size until this morning, it is found that three plates can be finished and shipped in the same time that it will take to prepare one plate.

The remaining three plates ordered, properly hardened but not hardened, the Engraved Checks can be forwarded within a week.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ruggles

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 9 7

Sir

Acknowledging the receipt of your two letters of the 3d and 8th inst. with regard to additional storage room for redeemed minor coins, I beg to state that we are at work of fitting up vaults for minor coin & storage and expect to have the alterations completed in the course of the next three or four days. Until these vaults are ready I request that the Department will suspend the transfer of redeemed minor coins to this Mint. When the work is completed I will at once inform you. Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director &c

Jas Pollock Supt

Feby 10 7

Sir

The mineral sent by you is only a common rock with some specks of pyrites, which is a compound of iron and sulphur. It is of no value.

Three dollars received. Of which 50 cents was paid to the Express.

Yours &c.

Jas Hall

Jas D.

Mr Philander Brown

Asp Bottom

Pa.

Feby 10 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending February 10. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Your Obd

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 10 7

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, three (3) pairs of Double Eagle dies, properly tempered and hardened, ready for immediate use upon arrival, as directed in your morning letter of the 7th inst. Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Three pairs of Double Eagle dies tempered but not hardened, will be forwarded to that Mint by Tuesday next

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Jas. Ross Snowden
Supt

Feby 12th 7

Sir

I report the amount of Silver Bullion on hand as follows -

In hands of Melter & Refiner Op. 1.031.000 -

" Coiner 392.000.

Total 1.423.000

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Supt

Hon. A.R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 12 7

Dear Sir

The western garnets are quite common, and will not command any price. This is even true of the large ones which have not a good tint, so that they are not used.

Yours resp.
Jas. Pollock
Supt &c.

Mr Graham Klinck
Pittsville.
Penobscot Me.

Jersey 12th

Gentlemen.

Your bid for the Sewer offered is respectfully declined.

With thanks for your attention

Very Respectfully
Jos. Thisdle
Sup't

C. L. Dennis & Son
Newark
N.J.

Feby. 2d

Gentlemen

Your bid for the
Omnibus offered is respectfully
declined

Very Respectfully
Jas Gallagher
Supt

Messrs Howard & Möhlé
No 1 John St.
New York

Feby 12th 7

Gentlemen.

Your bid for the Sweeps offered is accepted, as per Condition named in my letter 2d inst. Please favor me with an early remittance of the amount ($449.37) and oblige by removing as soon as possible.

Please accept my thanks for your attentions.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs. E. Ballock & Son

Newark

N.J.

Feby. 12th 7

Gentlemen,

Your bid for the Swords is respectfully declined.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ruble

Supt

R. Longmans Son

New York

Feby 12 7

Dear Sir.

I am now in funds to pay your bills for ice furnished to the Mint during the six months ending June 30. 1876. Please send and get the money.

As only the duplicates were returned to me from Washington, I am obliged to ask you to make out another 'original' to present with the endorsed duplicate.

Yours Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

President

Thickstretcher Ice Co.

405 Walnut St.

Phila.

Feby 12 7

Gentlemen.

I am now in funds to pay your bill of May 9. 1876, against the Mink for $5.47. Please send and get the money.

As only the auplicate was returned from Washington, I am obliged to ask you to make out another 'origenal' to present with the endorsed auplicate.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. F. Wood

Supt

Messrs.
Hoops & Townsend
No. 1880 Buttonwood St
Phila

Feby 12 7

Sir,

I have appointed Charles A. Jones, as a Laborer in the general department of this Work, at $1.75 per diem. to take effect from the date of his official oath, and submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
M. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 12 7

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst received.

We have a furnace for melting silver after its extraction from the ore, and its cost is about $20, but we never extract a metal from the ores, neither by smelting or otherwise, and have therefore no furnace for smelting silver ore.

You could doubtless get some information on the subject by writing to R. Ballantine & Son, Smelting and Refining Works, Newark, New Jersey.

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]

Supt

Mr.
Milton Davis.
Freedom. Md.

Feby 12 7

Sir:

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury $ of this date, in my favor, No 1177, for $30,000 on a/c of Mail Service profits.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

N. K. Lindsman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 12 7

Sir.

The furnace alluded to in your letter of the 27th of Jany is made by Caldwell & Mattoon. No. 209 South 10th St this City.

Very Respectfully

Jno Rich

Supt

Phila Locomg. Co

Seneca Falls

N. Y.

Feb 13 7

Dear Sir

The quarter-dollar sent by you, of San Francisco mint (S) is genuine, but has a slight split on the edge, which prevents the "jingle." This will happen in rare instances, & sometimes the flaw is internal, & not visible. Correct weight & size, are generally good tests. Return the piece, as requested.

Yours resply

Jno. Reich Supt

John T. Ulher Esq. Akron O.

Feby 10 1817

Sir!

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst. requesting information respecting certain medal dies, I have to state that we are not in possession of the original dies, or of any duplicates of the following medals.

General Wayne (for Stoney Point)
Lieut Col de Fleury. do
Captn Stewart do
Maj Genl Lyman (for Bunker Hill)

There is in the possession of the Govt an original or round medal die of Maj Henry Lee (for Paulus Hook) made by Wright, and a new or duplicate

reverse of the same made by Barber. I do not know where the original reverse die of this medal is, but presume it was so badly used up, that it was destroyed when the new one was made. We have also the dies of the Diplomatic medal made by Barber.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pearce

Asst.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 10 7

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst is received.

The Mint only buys pure commercial nickel, at current market rates, and having nothing to do with nickel ores and mines, I am not able to give you any information with regard to the mining and manufacture of nickel. You might communicate with Mr. Joseph Wharton, P. O. Box, No. 2706. Philadelphia, Pa. proprietor of the American Nickel works, Camden, New Jersey, who is thoroughly posted on the subject.

The present price of nickel is

about $400 per pound

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Supt

Maj. W. H. Grand.

John Garish

Salt Lake City.

Utah.

Feby 13 7

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of the 10th inst I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Dahlonega by the Adams Express Co. Two pairs of Double Eagle dies properly hacined and hardened and tempered for the press.

– Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Dy

Hon

R. M. Lindermon

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 13 1837

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of the 10th inst I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Dahlonega by the Adams Express Co. Two pairs of Double Eagle dies properly hardened and hardened and tempered for the press.

– Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Geo. Gilpin

Lieut U.S.A.

To

R. M. Lindermon

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Feby 10 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 12th inst is received.

The Mint makes chemically fine silver, and also gold, for its own use, but not for outside parties.

The finest tin is to be had of Nathan Crocker & Bro. 36 North Front Street, Philadelphia, by asking for the very best.

The finest lead may perhaps be obtained of S. Baldwin & Son, Newark, N. J.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Supt

S. P. Townsend, Esq
218 So. 4th St.

Feby 14 7

Sir.

You have been appointed a Laborer in the general department of the Mint, at $2.75 per diem, and will report at once for duty, first taking the enclosed oath before a magistrate, and bringing it with you.

Very Respectfully

Robt M. Patterson Supt

Phila.

Feby. 14th 7

Gentlemen.

Your favo- yester
day at hand.

I should have
been pleased to have award-
ed to you the sweeps, but
the party getting them offered
$15.60 per hundred pounds,
your bid being $15.37½ per
hundred. There were others who
bid lower than you, yours being
2nd best.

Yours Respy
[illegible] Supt

Howard Mallett
New York

Feby 14 7

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst. recvd.
The Mint charge for assaying silver ores is three dollars, pre paid, for each specimen. One pound of the mineral, if a fair averaged specimen, will be sufficient for one assay.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pettit
Supt

Mr.
Milton Davis.
Freedom
Me.

Feby 14 7

Sir

Your postal card of the 13th inst received.

The Mint charges for assaying a piece of rock supposed to contain silver will be three dollars, pre paid.

Very Respectfully

Jas. C. Watts

Supt

Mr.
J. P. Brumbaugh.
Coffee Run.
Pa

Feby 14 7

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 10th inst. I have to state that we are now raising sixty soldiers.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Elwood

Lieut

Hon.

N. K. Lindsman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feb 15 /

Gentlemen, Yours of the 14th inst. The sizes of our coins, both as to diameter and thickness, have been unaltered for many years; excepting the gold dollar.

Genuine coins will afford the best rules you can work by, as to getting the gauges; observing not to use any which may have a too high burr thrown up at the edge; as is sometimes the case with the western coinage, especially mint-mark S. The half dol. since 1873, weighs 0.9 grain more than the same before that date; but this is not perceptible in the measurements. The 1 dol. is 24 hundredths of an inch diam: & 57 thousandths thick. The 10 dol., 19 hundredths, & 45 thousandths.

Respy yours

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs Powell & Ballin
Philadelphia

Feby 15.

7

Sir

I herewith forward the official
oath of Charles H. Jones, Laborer in the
Coast Survey Department of this date.

Very respectfully

J. E. Hilgard

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Leiderman
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D. C.

Feby 16 7

Sir

I herewith enclose two receipts in your name, dated 16th inst. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for the following sums to be placed to your credit on transfer account. No 917 Gold coin $80.88. No 918 Currency $16.75. The net proceeds respectively of 81 light gold coin, and 12 mutilated silver coin, forwarded to the Mint for recoinage and deposit as directed in your letter of the 12th ult. Feby inst. I will thank you for a special acknowledgment of this remittance, as my [illegible]

Hon. S. P. Chase.
Secy &c.

Feby 16 7

Sir.

The silver pitcher specified in your letter of the 10th inst. proves upon examination to be plated ware, of no value whatever for coinage purposes, and has therefore been returned to you by the Express Company.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Robt H. Trim.
Oakland.
Cal.

Feby 17 7

Sir.

In compliance with your request of yesterday, I have to day forwarded to you by the Adams Express &c. a package containing Mrs. Barbers and Mr. Morgans fifteen pieces of new devices for coin.

The three silver pieces in Mr. Morgans set should be returned to me, or their bullion value.

Very Respectfully

Yours

Hon.

H. R Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Feby 17 77

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending Feby 17. 1877.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Leon
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 17 7

Dear Sir

The quarter-dollar sent by you, is genuine, but has a split or flaw in it, which sometimes happens in rolling the silver.

I send a good piece for it.

Truly yours

J. R. Pollock

Supt Dr.

John G. Hoffman Esq.
Brown Point
Md.

Yreka Cal 7

Sir.

The ore enclosed in your letter is sulphide of lead, and of no value.

Very Respectfully

Jas Taylor

Supt

Thomas B Stanstong.

Columbia Yarnad P.O.

Cal

Feby 19 7

Sir.

Mr Barber herewith sends you three of his new designs for half dollars, struck in silver, for your information. If you retain them please return their bullion value.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
N. R. Leiderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept. 17th

Sir.

The following is a statement of the Approximate Amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day.

In hands of Melter & Refiner Dp. 890.000.

Do. Coiner . 146.000.

Total. 1.036 000

Very Respectfully Your

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 19 7

Sir.

I herewith forward Statements of the Melter and Refiners Bullion operations, and Gold and Silver meltings for the month of January. 1897.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 20 1797

Sir.

Yours of the 16th inst. recd
The first silver dollars and
half dollars were coined in 1794.
The first silver quarters. Dimes,
and half dimes in 1796. The
first copper cents were struck
in 1793. also half cents.

For information with regard
to rare or postponed coins you
should apply to coin dealers
or collectors.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]

Mr.
Francis Peter.
Allentown
Pa

Feby 20 7

Dear Sir

The quarter-dollar you sent is good, but has been spoiled by roasting. I send another, as you request.

Yours truly

Supt

G. P. de Forest Esq
Greenport
L.I.

Febry. 20th 7

Sir.

I enclose an amended statement of the Silver Coins received for Assay for the year 1876, which I will thank you to substitute for those now in your hands, they being erroneous.

A careful examination of the books of the Cashier and also of the Book Keeper, Mr. Cowperthwait shows that the statement of Re-ceived Coins Presented by Mr. Eckfeldt was not correct, by reason I suppose of the Quarterly reports having been incorrectly transcribed. The present report corresponds fully and exactly to the books of both the Cashier

and

and Bookkeeper, and also the Count and might made since the adjournment of the Assay Commission, and is unanimously correct. The report now enclosed is certified as correct by both the Cashier & Book Keeper.

Please return the reports heretofore sent you, and dismiss at your earliest convenience as to the disposition to be made of the Assay Coins of the Assembler and Cashier Mints.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Annual Statement of Silver Coin Received for Assay for the year 1876.

	D.D.	1/2 D.	1/4 D.	20 Cts.	10 Cts.
January	42	124	151	1	106
February	34	59	139	6	661
March	2	2	606	2	937
April	1	1	1045	1	1126
May	1	575	623	1	1496
June	34	348	1077	1	1
July	45	-	216	4	315
August	44	703	647	1	456
Septem	38	648	842	-	615
Octo	-	601	1.104	-	25
Nov	1	952	449	1	1
Decr	-	225	208	-	
	242	4218	8977	18	5789

Summary

Total Trade Dollars Pieces 242.

242 Pieces equal in Subsidiary Silver Coin $ 263.45

4218 Half Dollars - 2.109.00

8917 Quarter Do - 2.229.25

18 Twenty Cents - 3.60

5739 Dimes - 573.90

Total $ 5.179.20

The aforesaid statement of Silver Coin received for Assay agrees with the books of the Mint and is correct

L. R. Cowperthwait
Book Keeper

Feby 20 7

Sir.

The rocks you sent 5 the Mink and only common stones, exist a few specks of mica and sulphide of iron, of no value.

Very Respectfully

Jas Ruggles

Lieut

Mr. Lennon Asst.

Superintendent

Washington

Feby 20 7

Sir.

The rocks you sent to the Mint are only common stones, with a few specks of mica and sulphide of iron, of no value.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Peyton

Supt

Mr. Lemon Asst.

Griffithsville

W Va

Feby 20 7

Sir

The samples of minerals you sent to the Mint proves upon examination to varieties of iron and lead ore, but of no value.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Snead
Supt

Mr. S. D. Rose.
Catlettsburg
Ky.

Feby 20 7

Sir

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, 6 ℔ of this date, No. 3183, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, in my name for $1,840. Currency, received from John Dallett & Co. Agents for striking minor coins for the Government of Benguela, and dies for the same, under contract of December 19 1876. I also enclose copy of statement of the account and my receipt to Dallett & Co.

Very Respectfully

Hon R. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Feby 21 7

Sir.

Yours of the 20th inst is at hand.

The U. S. dollar of 1799, is not rare, and brings very little above its intrinsic value among collectors.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr. G. A. Stork.
Chambersburg
Pa

Feby 21. 1877.

Copy of the Directors letter of 20th inst. with reference to one pair double eagle dies and collar, damaged, from Mint at San Francisco, has been handed to the Coiner and the Engraver for examination and report.

J. A. Pollock.
Supt

per W. O. P.

Feby 21 7

Sir.

The annual assay coins from the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, respectively, for 1876, now in my hands and as follows.

San Francisco.

Gold $32,022.50

Silver - Trade Dollars $2653

Subsidiary Silver 2,726.25 = $5,879.25

Carson.

Gold $3,095.00

Silver Trade Dollars $261.

Subsidiary Silver 1,524.50 = $1,785.50

I await your directions as to the disposition that shall be made of these coins. I am desirous to be relieved of their

custody as soon as you may find it convenient to do so.

The assay coins from this Mint for 1876, have been duly returned to the Bullion Fund.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
A. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 21 7

Sir

The mineral which you sent is chiefly native metallic iron, which accounts for the difficulty which you had in boring, and is of no value.

Yours respy

J. J. Powell
Sec'y

Mr S. Bernheisel
Green Park
Perry Co Pa

Feby 21 7

Sir

Herewith I return the half Dollar, sent in your letter of the 6th inst.

I understand from the late Coiner, that according to an experiment which he had made, a coin may be placed between two planchets, and restruck in a screw press, so as to expand the diameter without injuring or altering the original devices.

This fine Eagle is genuine in one sense, and not genuine in another; being much larger than the proper size. Of course it is unfit to circulate.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Dirt

Hon. H.R. Linderman

Director &c &c

Feby 29 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 19th inst. recvd. If your shekel has the Hebrew characters on it, it was made in Gorlitz, Prussia, where they used to make such shekels and send them to be sold in Jerusalem. They are worth nothing. If it has the Samaritan character, which is very different from the Hebrew, it is one of Simon Maccabeus, and in good condition, is worth fifty dollars. The Mint does not need it as our Cabinet is supplied and cannot undertake to negotiate the sale for you.

Very Respectfy

J. A. Pollock

Wm. H. G. Bigelow
Grand Haven, Mich.

Feby 23 /7

Sir.

The enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Director of the Mint with reference to the assay coins now in your possession, Please comply with its provisions.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

O. C. Beardsley Esq

Boise

Feby. 23 76

Sir.

Enclosed I hand you Statements for the 4th quarter 1876, as follows. viz.

Earnings & Expenditures
Silver Profits &c
Refining Charges
Minor Coinage &c, &
Melter & Refiners Copper Alloy &c.

The Bullion &c. are now in the binders hands, and will be forwarded next week.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Guthrie
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

February 23d 1

Dear Sir.

Enclosed the key of the "Assay weight box" in place of the one lost or mislaid. The box is now double locked and cannot be opened without this your key.

Yours very truly

Jno. Pearce

Supt.

Hon John Cadwalader

Judge U. S. Dist Ct

Philadelphia

252 La. 4th St.

Feby 24 77

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending Feby 24. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

S. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 24 7

Sir

I herewith transmit for the Secretary of the Treasury, S/E of this date No. 81897, for $211.22 coin. on a/c of sparting, refining and bar charges.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Talbot

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 26 7

Madam.

Your letter of the 24th inst. was received.

Mr. George Wheatly is a workman in the Mint and, in reply to your inquiry, informs you that his wifes maiden name was Miss Eliza Eckert. Their residence is No. 1207 Myrtle Street. (4th ward) Philadelphia

Yours respectfully

Jno. Pollard
Cash.

Mrs.
John Eckert
Trenton
N. J.

Feby 26 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 20th
is received.

As an accommodation to
you the Mint will assay the
gold chain you speak of.
One pennyweight will be sufficient for the purpose.
The charge will be one dollar
paid in advance.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pilcher
Supt

Messrs.
Roberts & Barnard.
Rushville
Ind

Feby 26 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 24 inst. has been received.

The obverse or "head" of the half dollar is the side containing the figure of Liberty. The reverse or "tail" is the eagle.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Chas. A. Peshine, Esq.

Paterson

N. J.

Feby 26 7

Sir

In compliance with your request I herewith send you a gold dollar of 1877 in exchange for the gold dollar of 1874, enclosed in your letter of the 20th inst.

Upon examination I find that the date of the gold dollars has always been placed on the reverse, from the first issue in 1849 to the present time, without exception. The specimen coin had the date on the reverse.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Febry 26th 7

Sir.

I report the following as the amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business on the 24th inst. Viz:

Superintendents Silver	Op.	100.000.
Melter & Refiners	Do.	716.254.
Coiners	Do.	186.000.
	Total	1.002.254

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. A. R. Lindsman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 26 7

Sir

The 10 92/100 ozs fine silver, forwarded to the Mint by Express, as mentioned in your letter of the 20th inst, has been received, assayed, and the value found to be $14.10, silver coin, out of which I have paid the following sums,

Fine (5) silver planchets for specimen coins from Barbers and Morgans half dollar dies $2.50

Fine (5) proof dollars of 1872, 5.00

Leaving amount and you $6.20,

which I will hold subject to your order.

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Respectfully

Director of the Mint

Feby 27 7

Dear Sir.

Inclosed I send a bill, in duplicate, for $61. the regular allowance for your expenses as Assay Commissioner, and also a warrant on the Cashier of the Mint for the payment of the same. Please receipt the two bills, and sign the receipt at the bottom of the warrant, and return them all to me, when I will have the money drawn, and sent to you by Express.

Yours very Truly

Geo Bruce Supt

A. W. Leisenring, Esq
Philadelphia Pa.

Feb 27 7

Dear Sir

We have no facilities for making exchanges of coins, the old ones not being kept on hand.

We have a sufficient supply of the "Voce Populi" coin, and I take occasion here to say, after examining a considerable number all dated 1780, that no doubt yours is of the same date, the 0 being much like an O, or the top of it removed by some ingenious person, to make a new variety. If that is so, its value is not great.

Very respectfully

J. V. Brevoort

Supt U.S.

Mr W. C. Baker

Minneapolis

Minn.

Feby 27 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 26th inst received.

Copper sheathing is not used in whaling operations, and I therefore do not need the supply you have on hand.

Very Respectfully

Geo Pollard Jr

Messrs.
Dan'l W. Richards & Co.
New York.

Feby 27th

R. E. Preston. Asst. Director, U. S. Mints.
Washington. D.C.

Can make and ship them by Saturday
morning. The delay is Engraving. Send
order, stating metal.

Jos. Pollock
Supt.

Feby 27 '7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 20th inst, I herewith forward for your information, a report of our Coiner and Engraver of their experiments with a pair of double eagle dies and collar from the Mint at San Francisco, damaged in efforts to make them work.

Also a communication from the Engraver in reply to a telegram from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco copied in your letter of the 21st inst, that the finished dies sent out do not work well.

The trouble is plainly owing

to. come fault out there.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.

R. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Feby 27 7

Sir.

I duly received your letter of the 21st inst, enjoining care with regard to prices of supplies for the Mint, especially manufactured articles; and have placed a copy in the hands of the Heads of each of the operative departments of the Mint, for their information and guidance.

As intimated in your letter I had already, some months since, anticipated your suggestions on this subject having invited proposals in some cases, and in others taking

pains to get price lists from leading dealers or manufacturers, thus ascertaining the lowest prices, and giving the Mint the benefit of the declining market, and the steady appreciation of U. S. legal tender notes.

I shall continue to exercise and enjoin a watchful economy in all our purchases of supplies.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Log[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

27th February 7

Hon Ellis Spear
Commissioner of Patents
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 26th instant has been received and as requested by you I have this day forwarded to your address at the Patent Office the model of the scale patented by Mr Henry S. Goodwin mentioned in your note

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Superintendent

Feby 27 7

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Transfer Order No. 4200 upon the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars in Dimes.

We are now receiving dimes in quantity sufficient to meet all orders on hand and leave a fair margin for orders in transit. I have thought it proper, therefore, not to present the order, but to hold it until your further advices may reach me.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

J. W. Pollock Supt

Feby 28 7

My Dear Sir.

Yours of the 27th recd. The Mint will be open as usual on Monday, March 5th. We do not close on Inauguration day.

Yours Truly

Jos. Patterson

Supt

Luke Bemis. Esq
Glen Mills
Pa

Feby 28 7

Sir.

Your notice of the 27th inst. of the issue of Transfer Orders Nos. 4270-76-77. for $1,000. each, for National Banks at Dubuque, Iowa, and Louisville, Ky. does not say coin, nor specify the denominations required. I therefore await further directions.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Hon.

N. A. Wyman and.

Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D. C.

Feby 28 7

Sir

Upon the Coiners nomination, herewith enclosed, I have appointed Joseph Busack and John Lord, as Helpers in the Coiners Department @ $2.75 per diem, to take effect from date of the official oaths, and submit the same for your approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Feby 28 7

Sir.

Yours of the 24th inst. recvd to day, with the enclosures from Mr. Loubat of Paris.

The obverse die of the Maj Henry Lee medal for Paulus Hook, is the original die, but the reverse was lost and a fac simile made by our Engraver Mr. Barber. W Wrig[illegible] is the name engraved on the obverse.

Mr. Laubats note is herewith returned. The above dies are used here.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

G. W. C. Lee, Esq,
Lexington
Va

Feby 28 77

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Briners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for February 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jno. L. Ebbel

Supt

Hon.

S. R Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Feby 28 7

Sir.

I have appointed Charles Hamel, and William McDade, as Laborers in the General Department of this Mint, from the date of the oath, at $2,75 - per diem, and submit the same for your approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

February 28th 7

Sir,

The gold grains sent by you, yield eight dollars in gold coin, worth $ 8.40 in currency; from which we deduct 90 cents, Mint charge for melting, assay &c., leaving $ 7.50 herein enclosed & sent as you request.

This is a special favor, as we do not deal in small lots.

Such grains are worth about $ 18.50 per ounce, before melting; i. e. in gold coin

Yours &c

Jas. Pollock Supt.

Mr. John M. Springer
Homewood, Beaver Co.
Penna.

March 1st 7

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 27th of Feby, ordering twenty Seven gold Life Saving Medals, first class, I have to say that the Medals have been Struck and placed in the hands of Messrs Bailey &c to be engraved. If there should be any delay in getting them to you it will be owing only to the large amount of engraving to be done at such short notice.

The probabilities are however that they will be in Washington on time.

Very respectfully

Jas Pettit
Superintendent

Hon A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

March 1 7

Dear Sir.

Your duplicate receipted bill, and receipted warrant for your approved allowance, $50. for expenses in February, as Assay Commissioner, were received this morning from you, and I have drawn and herewith enclose the money in bills. I will thank you to advise me of their safe arrival.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kirk

Supt

A. W. Loisenring, Esq

Mauch Chunk.

Pa

March 1 7

Sir.

In compliance with your request of Feby 28th, I herewith return Transfer order No. 4258, Feby 24 &. to my order, on the Asst Treasurer U. S. for Ten Thousand Dollars in Dimes.

I will thank you for a special acknowledgement of its receipt, as my voucher.

Very Respectfully

Jas Gillett

Supt

Hon.

N. A. Wyman.

Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D. C.

March 1 7

Sir.

At the close of business February 28th. ult. I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the vaults of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result

Gold.	$1,862,507.72
Silver.	877,081.48
Refining & Parting &c.	89.89
Ordinary &c regular.	26,261.01
Manufr of Silver coin.	14,752.66
Minor Coinage.	54,602.97
" Coins Exchanged.	4,448.42
" " Reissues.	98,426.01
" Coinage Recoinage.	150,842.10
	$3,029,441.20

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

March 1 7

Sir.

Five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000.) in silver profits can be paid by this Mint, into the United States Treasury, whenever you so direct.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 1 7

Sir.

I understood you to say when here, that orders had been issued to the various sub-treasuries to suspend the transfer of redeemed mined coins to the Mint. Yet I have received this afternoon from the Acting Treasurer U. S. at Easton, under date of yesterday, a notification that he has forwarded to the Mint, in the original packages, redeemed mined coins to the amount of $4,67[illegible].

This greatly embarrasses me on account of the shocking condition of our vaults, and I wish

advise you of this continuing trouble, and to ask if you cannot procure such definite instructions to the Sub Treasurers as will prevent further consignments of these coins until our new vaults are arranged.

Very Respectfully
Geo. Tellock
Supt

Hon.
R. Londerman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 27

Sir

The ore enclosed in your letter prove to be only sulphide of iron, and mica, of no value.

Very Respfly
James Pollock.

Supt
Specimens

Adv.
R. W. Speilman.
Morton Grove
Wood

March 2 77

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged during February 1877.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage Operations during February 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

U. S. Mint. Phil'a March 7.

Hon H. R. Linderman, Dir. U. S. Mints.
Washington. D.C.

Have sent by Express the Life Saving
Medals. Will be delivered on Saturday morning.

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

March 2 7

Sir.

In compliance with your directions, I caused two pairs of Double Eagle dies to be prepared and finished for the Mint at San Francisco, and one pair for the Mint at Carson, and gave them a trial here, which did not prove to be entirely satisfactory, the obverse dies being too high in the centre, which is the cause of the rocking.

The enclosed communications from the Coiner and Engraver, respectively, will give you the particulars.

Under this state of the case

I have not deemed it advisable to forward these three pairs of dies; but a new hub will be made at once, with the ascertained defect remedied, and in six or eight days I will be able to forward the desired number of dies from the new hub, after giving them a satisfactory trial here, which will obviate all existing difficulties

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 8 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I send Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending March 3d 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 3 7

Sir.

You have been appointed Clerk in the Coiners Department of the Mint @ $2.50 per diem.

You will take the enclosed oath of office before an Alderman, and report at once for duty to the Coiner, bringing the oath with you.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Wm.
Joseph Cusack.
Philada

March 8 7

Sir.

You have been appointed Helper in the Coiners Department of the Mint, at $2,75 per diem.

You will take the enclosed oath of office before an Alderman, and report for duty at 9 oclock to the Coiner, bringing the oath with you.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Wm
John Lord,
Philada

March 7

Sir.

I have received, with great satisfaction, your directions of the 2d inst. to discontinue the working of overtime at this Mint until further notice. Your instructions to this effect will be promptly complied with.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Reynolds
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 5 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward official oaths of John Lord, and Joseph Lucas. Helpers in the Coiners Department, this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Your Obed't Serv't

Lud Eckfeldt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

March 5 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 1st inst received.

Your application for silver ... Half dollars, quarters and dimes should be made to the Treasurer U. S. at Washington D.C. to whom they delivered when coined, and by whom they are distributed to the public.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr.
A. R. Hiatt
Winchester
Ind.

March 5

Sir.

Your letter of the 3d inst received.

I have no counterfeit half & quarter dollars. When any do happen to come into my possession they are entirely and promptly destroyed, so that they can never again be used for any purpose.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
N. S. Loomis.
Syracuse
N. Y.

Mch 5 7

Sir.

Your letter of 2 Feby was received this morning.

Your "silver" pitcher proved to be only plated ware, of no value for coinage purposes, and was returned to you at Texarkana by the Express Company, on the 16th of Feby. ultimo.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr.
Thos. W. Winn
Lockesburg
Ark.

March 5 7

Sir.

I have to day forwarded the following dies to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express Co, in completion of your order for 1877. dated November 11. 1876.

Half Dollar	obverse	12.	Reverse –
Quarter do	"	5.	" 3
Dime	"	24.	" 8
Half Eagle	"	2.	" –
	Total	43.	" 11

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

March 5 7

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Official notes of Charles Hamm, and William McDade, Laborers in the General Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 5th 7

Sir.

I report Silver Bullion on hand at close of business on the 3rd inst.

Superintendents	Ozs.	110.000.
Melter & Refiners	. .	109.600.
Coiners	.	96.000.
Total	Ozs.	819.600.

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt

Hon. N. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 6 7

Sir.

In compliance with your request the Coiner has prepared a report, which I herewith forward, of the amount of Coin struck at this Mint for the Government of Venezuela under my contract of December 9. 1870 with their Agents Messrs. Grahm Dallett & Co. Philadelphia, as follows;

10,000,000 pieces Un Centavos, Value $100,000
2,000,000 " Dos Centavos Cent " 40,000

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

March 6th 1877

Sir.

I forward by Express a box containing my Bullion Pcs. for the 4th Quarter 1876.

Very Respectfully Your
Obt. Servt
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 7 7

Sir.

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, b/d of this date No. 0192 for $91.41 coin, on a/c of parting refining and bar charges.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 7 1

Sir.

I herewith forward my requisition for the sum of $2,000. out of our current appropriations for the service of this Mint for the present month of March, being $10,800 less than the last month, and submit for approval as usual.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Ellicott

Supt

Hon.

A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

March 7 7

Sir

In compliance with your verbal request to Mr. Morgan, special engraver, I send you to day by the Adams Express Co. plaster models prepared by Mr Morgan.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 7 7

Sir

Herewith I send duplicate bills for "Specimen Coins to be reserved at the Mint," as heretofore, viz:

For a full set of U.S. Coins 1877,	$46.00
For one "Dies Pesos," and one "Cinco Pesos" of Costa Rica, gold, 1875; new monetary system.	13.40
Currency,	$59.40

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon A. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

March 7 / 7

Sir

I will thank you for a further supply of blank monthly requisitions for funds for our current appropriations, I am entirely out.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 8 97

Sir

I herewith return the Sergeants Pay Roll for November 1896, with the signature of Howard White, as requested in your letter of the 7th inst.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Leiderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 8 7

Sir.

As requested by the Denver Mint, under date of Feby 24th, I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, C/S of March 7th, No. 3192, from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, in the name of Jacob L. Schirmer, Assayer in charge, for $2.7.48, coin, on account of charges at that Mint for quarter ending Sept 30. 1876. I also inclose triplicate Mint Memorandums No. 285.

Hon. Very Respectfully

H. R. Linderman. [illegible]

Director of the Mint. Supt

March 8 7

Sir.

Referring to your Mr. Slater's letter of Feby 24th, I herewith enclose duplicate b/s of the 7th inst. No. 8192, in your name, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $297.48 coin, on account of charges at your Mint for the quarter ending Sept 30. 1876. The original has been forwarded to the Director of the Mint, as requested. Third is as triplicate. I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum No. 286.

Mr. Jacob H. Schirmer. Very Respectfully
Assayer Pt. of Phila Mint Supt

March 8 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 6th inst is received.

Your application for silver coins must be made to the Treasurer U. S. at Washington, D. C. to whom they are delivered by the Mint when coined, and by whom they are distributed to the public.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pearl

Samuel Bitler Esq
Wapakoneta
Ohio

March 8 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 7th inst. is received.

Silver three cent pieces are a legal tender at their nominal value to the amount of not more than thirty cents in any one payment. They were first coined by authority of the 3d of Congress of March 3. 1851, which required them to be composed of three fourths silver and one fourth copper. The Act of March 3. 1853 changed the fineness to nine tenths silver and one tenth copper. There is no provision of law for their redemption or exchange. The Mint

will receive them as bullion,
in sums of one hundred dol-
lars, and pay for them in
gold coin, at the rate of
110 cents per ounce standard.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Gosler
Supt

Mrs.
G. Milton Baird.
Hanover
Pa

March 8 7

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst is received.

U. S. silver three cent pieces are a legal tender at their nominal value for an amount not exceeding thirty cents in one payment. They were first coined under the Act of March 3 1851, which required them to be composed on three fourths silver and one fourth copper. The Act of 1853, March 3. changed their fineness to nine tenths silver and one copper. There is no provision of law for their redemption or exchange.

I do not know of any action

that the U. S. Treasurer has taken with regard to them.

The Mint will receive them as bullion, in sums of one hundred dollars, and pay for them in gold coin, at the rate of 110 cents per ounce standard.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Lieut

A. Brinckle, Esq
Mechanicsburg
Pa

March 8 77

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward, Statements of Silver workings in the Coinage department for the months of January and February, 1877.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

March 9th /

Sir

Your favor of the 5th instant has been received. In answer I would state that in the letter of instructions coming with deposit No. 21 / received here on the 16th of February there was no request to have the parcels assayed seperately and they were all put together. I regret very much if by so doing it causes you inconvenience but it is the rule to make one assay of deposits unless there are special instructions to the contrary.

Very Respectfully

Messrs. A. H. Mould & Co.
Dahlonega
Ga.

Supt.

March 9 7

Dear Sir

Both the specimens you sent were galena, or lead ore, one better than the other, but neither worth working.

As a matter of curiosity we tried the better sample, for silver, and found it contained not over ten cents to the ton.

Yours respy

Mr. Danl B. Dykins, Supt &c
Memphis

March 9 7

Dear Sir

The small lump you sent is a mixture of Silver & copper. It has been melted, & perhaps was at first a piece of a coin.

Yours respy

Jas Pollard
Ass't

Mr John Hayes
Keyser
W. Va

March 7

Sir

We have no knowledge of the medal which you speak of, and are not in a position to make an offer for it. Have published an Indian Peace Medal of Washington 3rd size.

You had market probably in Boston, where they take great pains to accumulate colonial medals & coins. I advise you to write to S. Colburn Esq. 82 Somerset St. Boston, enclosing the sketch which is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
Jas Pollock
Dir Mint

C. L. Hoffman Esq.
Knoxville, Tenn.

March 9 7

Leid.

Referring to your letter of the 8th. inst. I herewith return with my endorsement, Transfer Orders Nos. 4005, 4006, 4007, and 4008, which were issued for the purpose of transferring from the Bullion Fund of the San Francisco and Carson Mints to that of the Philadelphia Mint, for the amount of the annual assay coins received by me from those two Western mints for the calendar year 1896. The proper entries have been made by the bankers on the books of the and the coin included in

Respectfully

coin balance this day.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Lodi

Supt

Hon.

A. U. Wyman.

Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D.C.

Mch 10

Sir.

Enclosed I hand you Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed, for week ending March 10. 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 10 7

Sir.

The double eagles sent by you which were coined at the San Francisco Mint from the Philadelphia finished dies, and the San Francisco finished dies, have been received, and will be examined and compared and reported on, as requested in your letter of the 9th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Wyatt
Supt

Hon.
R. E. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 12 7

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Transfer order No. 4803. for £500,000 in Silver coin, and B/E. in duplicate, No. 15841. for the like amount.

I complied with your request & have caused the sum named on B/E No. 15841. (£500,000) to be passed to the credit of Profits in Silver Coinage, and have debited the Silver Bullion Account with proceeds of T. O. No. 4803, above acknowledged, and which is herewith returned endorsed as by you directed.

The abstract of the Book kept

has caused this delay in acknowledging the foregoing transaction. That official is still absent on account of illness, and I am therefore unable to send herewith the Transcript of Q as you request. This portion of your request will be complied with on the return of the Book Keeper, probably tomorrow.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
A. B. Hagner.
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

March 12 7

Sir.

Upon the receipt this morning of your letter of the 10th inst. I instituted a thorough search for the silver distribution circulars of 1853 which you enquire about, and have succeeded in finding a single copy, dated October 20. 1853, which had been placed in our regular letter files, and which I herewith enclose for your information. It was issued by Director Snowden, and the Adams & Co. Express, and you will observe that the Express charges on the silver coin

such by the Mint were paid by the Banks and not by the Mint.

To preserve our files intact, I suggest the return of the circular to me, after you are done with it.

Very respectfully

E. J. Dallas
Supt

Hon.
R. R. Dickerson
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 12 77

Sir.

In accordance with instructions from the Director of the Mint, I send you to day by the Adams Express Co, Ten (10) Double Eagles of the coinage of your Mint for 1877, and have to request that you will notify the Director of their arrival at your office.

Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pugh
Supt

O. H. LaGrange, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 12 7

Sir.

In compliance with your directions of the 9th inst, I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, as per the endorsed receipt, the ten (10) Double Eagles from that Mint, sent to me for examination and comparison, and requested him to notify you of their arrival at his office.

A report of the result of the examination will be forwarded by this mail.

H. R. Linderman. Very Respectfully
Director of the Mint, [illegible] Supt

March 12 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 9th inst. I herewith forward a report by the Coiner, and one by the Engraver, of the result of the examination and comparison with our own coinage, of ten Double Eagles from the Mint at San Francisco, five struck from dies finished at that Mint, and five from dies finished at the Philadelphia Mint; the conclusion arrived at being that those struck from the dies finished at the San Francisco Mint are fit for circulation. I concur

in this opinion; and have to add that in a very short time we shall Double Eagles dies from the new hubs, for all the Mints, that will obviate all possible difficulty hereafter.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

R. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

March 13 7

Sir

In compliance with your directions under date of the 1st inst, I have had prepared thirty (30) barrels Mint saw dust for the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, and forwarded the same to him by fast freight line. The B/L in duplicate, is herewith enclosed, as per your request; and I also forward to you for payment, duplicate receipted bill, for the saw dust, $49.50. in the name of J. B. Bowden, to whom the Treasury draft should be made payable.

and forwarded to him in my card.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ord
Lieut

Hon.
R. R. Lindeman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March. 13th 7

Sir.

I report the following as the amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business on Saturday the 10th inst.

Superintendents Office	115.000—
Melter & Refiners	305.000—
Coiners	297.000.
Total Dr.	717.000

Very Respectfully

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Supt.

March 13 7

Sir.

In compliance with your directions of the 7th inst. I send you to day by the Adams Express Co. Ten (10) Double Eagles struck to day in the coining press in the usual mode, from dies prepared from the second new hub; also ten (10) Double Eagles taken indiscriminately from our regular coinage of the last month, which I submit for your examination. The new coins strike well and seem to be in all respects free from defects or blemishes. I regard them as entirely satisfactory.

and believe they cannot
fail to meet your approval.
Please return these coins
when you and send with them.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 14th 7

Sir.

Refering to your letter of yesterday in relation to the contemplated increase of the (New York) Bullion Fund, I beg to suggest that you would cause the sum of, say $500.000. in Gold Coin to be transfered from the vaults of this Mint to those of the Asst. Treasurer U.S. at New York. I would be glad if you could arange so that $50.000. or $100.000, in $1- pieces might be included in the transfer.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ross Snowden
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

March 14th 77

Sir

I transmit herewith my Ordinary Expense a/c, Refinery Do a/c. and Sub. Sudiary Silver Coinage Expense a/c. for February 1877.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Leech
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 15 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 12th inst is received.

The $4,07 returned to you were silver coins which you had forwarded to the Mint for redemption. There being no law authorizing their redemption they were of course returned to you, at your expense. The exchanged mentioned in the circular has reference entirely to new stamped or nickel coins sent out by the Mint in exchange for old copper or nickel coins.

H. Cochran, Esq.
Cleaton, Md.

Very Respectfully
J. D. Ramsdell

March 15 7

Sir.

You will please prepare as soon as possible two pairs finished Double Eagle dies, from the last new hubs, for the Mint at San Francisco, and two pairs dittos for the Mint at Carson.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Supt

Wm Barber. Esq

Engraver of the Mint

March 15 7

Sir:

The twenty (20) Double Eagles specified in your letter of the 14th inst as having been returned to me by Express, have duly come to hand.

Your telegram of this date ordering two trains each of Double Eagle dies for the Western Mints, has been received, and the Engraver assures me he will have them ready to forward by Saturday of this week at farthest

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Your Obt Servt

Director of the Mint

March 15th 7

Sir

Your favor of the 9th instant and the letter enclosed has been received and in reply I would state that to give you a separate assay for each parcel now of deposit No. 21 would be impossible for they were melted together. On the 13th instant four more parcels were received from your Bank and apparently from the same mining Co's. On the basis of the last parcels I could give an estimate that may be of service to you but for which I am not willing officially to assume any responsibility.

Gold Bullion Co 400 ounces $350.60 Bunny Dr. No. 31½ ounces $27.28

Sundry " " 219 " $189.22 J. W. Brown No. 13½ " $121.52

Very Respectfully

Jas. A. Cook

Superintendent

U. S. Assay Office Gold Bank

Atlanta Nat. Bank

Atlanta Ga.

March 16 7

Sir.

You will please prepare as soon as may be practicable, Five (5) pair unfinished Double Eagle dies for the Mint at San Francisco, from last new hub. Two (2) pair unfinished Double Eagle dies for the Mint at Carson, from last new hub.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Wm Barber, Esq,
Engraver of the Mint.

March 16 7

Sir.

Yours of the 14th inst. at hand. There were three varieties of cents coined in 1793. Viz. Liberty Cap. Chain of thirteen links. Flowing hair. Some of the cents of 1804 were struck on a broken die. The 20¢ piece was first coined in 1875. The letters under the Eagle mean the Mint at which the coin was struck. Viz. "O" New Orleans. "S" San Francisco. "C.C." Carson City, with no letter on the coins struck at this Mint. Half dollar with Liberty Head, and Liberty seated were struck and issued in 1892 and 18

Very Respectfully

Rev L. W. Prescott.
Warren N. H.

March 16 7

Sir.

I am requested by the Director of the Mint to instruct you not to prepare any new dies for new designs for coins, or any new designs or devices for coins without instructions from, and first submitting the devices or drawings to the Director, through this office, for examination and action.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Wm Barber. Esq
Engraver of the Mint

March 16 7

My Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 14th inst. with regard to the preparation of a Peabody medal as a testimonial for meritorious pupils in Southern Normal Schools has been received.

The Mint laws do not permit us to prepare dies for any but National medals, but if you will procure and send us the dies for your proposed medal, we will strike the medals for you, in whatever quantities may be required from time to time, in gold, silver or bronze, as you may direct.

Our hand artists in Boston work and entirely competent to

get up a suitable design to your liking, and engrave the dies. There is a Mr. Mitchell in your City, who is a very correct & engraver, and with whom you could doubtless communicate to advantage.

Yours Very Truly

Jas Pollard

Supt

Hon.
Robt C. Winthrop.
Boston
Mass

March 16 7

Sir

I forward to day by the Adams Express Co. as per enclosed receipt, three (3) pair finished Double Eagle dies, to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, and three (3) pair ditto to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson. The latter is one pair more than you ordered, but having them ready, it was declined there would be no objection to forwarding them

The, ~~three~~ four (4) pair unfinished Double Eagle dies for the Mint at

at San Francisco, and two (2) pairs for the Mint at Carson, ordered in your letter of the 10th inst. will be forwarded in a very few days.

I do enclosed suggestions from the Engraver and submitted for your information.

I herewith return Superintendent Crawfords letter of July 24. as heretofore requested.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
Asst Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mar 16th 7

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for ~~Fifty~~ two thousand Seven hundred and fifty five (52.755.) Dollars to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from your Minor Coinage Redemption Fund, and oblige

Very Respectfully
Jos. Wood
Supt.

Hon. A. U. Wyman
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington
D.C.

March 17 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 16th inst has been received.

The coinage of three cent pieces was first authorized by the Act of Congress of March 3. 1851, which required them to be three fourths silver and one fourth copper. The Act of March 3. 1853 changes the fineness to nine tenths silver and one tenth alloy.

They are a legal tender to an amount not exceeding thirty cents in any one payment, and there is no provision of law for their redemption or exchange.

Very Respectfully

Chas. E. Leslie

Chas. E. Leslie Esq
Cincinnati, O.

March 17 7

Sir.

I enclosed herewith & forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending March 17, 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Torrey

Supt

Hon.
S. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 19th 7

Sir.

I am in receipt of advices from Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. New York, of the shipment to this Mint of day 71.504.^{58} ozs. Silver Bullion purchased by you. Having notification from your Office of such a purchase, will you be kind enough to advise me whether I shall receive the above, and if so, what quantity is yet to be delivered, the price to be paid &c.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

March 19 1

Sir,

In compliance with your instructions of the 18th inst. I have today forwarded to the Supt of the Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express Company, as per enclosed receipt, two (2) pair unfinished Double Eagle dies, from the last order sent.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Leech

Supt

Mint

Mark R. Sunderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

March 19th 1861

Sir.

I report the following as the amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business on the 17th inst

In hands of Supt.	Dep.	155.000
Do	Melt & Refining	315.505.
Do	Coining	257.000.
	Total	727.505

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 19th 7

Dear Sir

We inadvertantly sent to you to day without any letter accompaning them the bills for Assay dinner of Feby 14th 15th and 16th 1877 Made out as you requested, with the vouchers for the items as desired. Please consider this letter as belonging to said bills

very respectfully

Yours

Jno. Pollock

Superintendt

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director U.S. Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mch 20 7

Madam.

Your letter of the 19th inst has been received.

The most recent, and perhaps the most satisfactory American treatises on silver, whether as to its production, or its use in currency, or both, are those issued from the Government Press at Washington. 1. Report upon the Precious Metals, by W. P. Blake. 1869. 2. Report of the silver commission, which made to Congress, but which I presume is not yet in print. For these you will have to write to the Secretary of the Treasury stating your particular reasons for asking for them.

A very elaborate speech was made on the silver question about a year ago, in the U. S. Senate, by Hon John P. Jones, U. S. Senator from Nevada, who would doubtless send you a copy if you write him at Washington D.C. In 1875 D. Appleton & Co. New York, published a reprint of a small work on "Money and the Mechanism of Exchange" by W. S. Stanley Jevons, of Owens College, Manchester, England. Price $1.50. The last two U. S. Mint Reports (1875 and 1876) are also largely occupied with a discussion of the silver question I herewith mail you a copy of each.

Very Respectfully

Miss.
Fannie Forbes
Lamberville. N.Y.

Mch 20 7

Sir.

I enclose a copy of a letter of this date from the Coiner, with reference to the preparing of certain dies for Mr. Racquet, as I have no official information that Mr. Racquet is preparing pattern dies by your direction, and as I do not wish to use the men or machinery of the Mint as requested without your authority I ask for your direction in the premises. Mr. Racquet will pay the expence of preparing the dies &c. Shall I not comply with his request?

Very Respectfully

Hon. R. Linderman. Your Obt Servt

Director of the Mint.

March 21 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 19th inst has been received.

The coinage of U. S. silver dollars was commenced in the year 1794.

A silver dollar coined in 1799 is worth from one to eight dollars according to pattern and condition. Coin dealers can inform you as to the current market value.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Nunt

Supt

Mr.

Jesse D. Reavis.

New Berlin. Ill.

March 21 7

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst has been received.

Libed 20¢ pieces were first coined in 1875, and 1.045.116 pieces were coined up to the close of the fiscal year ending June 30. 1876.

The coinage of twenty cent pieces has been suspended for the present, and it is not probable that any more will be issued.

Very Respectfully

Mr.
C. L. Bacon.
Erie. Pa.

March 21 7

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co, a sealed box containing five (5) pair unfinished Double Eagle dies, from the latest new hubs, as requested in your letter of the 15th inst. The box also contains the following dies, balance of your order of October 12. 1876.

Twenty cent	6	obverse	—	Reverse.
Quarter Dollar	—	"	8	"
Dimes	6	"	5	"

By Express receipt herewith enclosed

Very Respectfully

J. [illegible] Chief Clerk

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

March 22 7

Sir.

Please make requisation on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor as Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, for the sum of Five Hundred ($5.00.) Dollars in gold coin, to be applied to the payment of the expenses of the Refinery for the month of March, 1877. This request should have been made earlier in the week but was overlooked. As it is near the close of the month it is desirable that a draft for the amount be forwarded as soon as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully

Very Respectfully

J. D. Elliott
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

March 22 7

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 16th inst. I herewith forward for your consideration, a sketch for a new design for the Half Dollar, which seems to me to be a very ineditable affair, and if it strikes you favorably, I recommend that Mr. Barbers request, herewith enclosed, to be allowed to prepare a die for it, from which to strike a sample piece, be granted, with the understanding that it shall not interfere with his regular official duties.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Bowdoin Supt

Hon. S. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

March 22 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 17th inst has been received.

You probably can get the Mint Reports of 1874 and 1875, by writing to Dr. H. R. Linderman Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington. D.C. The previous reports are probably not in print.

"Proof coins" are coins struck in limited quantities, on a hand press from polished dies, for sale to coin collectors, who want finer specimens than the regular coinage on the steam presses. "Pattern pieces" are pe

struck to show some new designs for our coins, which designs however are seldom adopted, as it is not good policy to make changes, unless the improvement is very decided.

Snowdons book on coins is published by J. B. Lippincott & Co. No. 715 Market Street, Philadelphia. I think the price is $6.

The following coin dealers would doubtless furnish catalogues of coins upon application. J. W. Haseltine, 1220 Chestnut St. Phila. Edward Cogan, 408 State St. Brooklyn. Scott & Co. 146 Fulton St. New-York.

The "American Journal of Numismatics" quarterly. is published by J. Colburn, 10 Somerset St. Boston. at $2. a year. I enclose Mint Circulars for your information.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Elder

Geo. L. Brandreth. Esq.
Mt Pleasant Iowa.

March 22 /7

Sir.

Please send me five thousand (5000) Clerk redemption circulars of February 7. 1877. My last supply is almost exhausted.

Very Respectfully
Jas. H. Clark.
Supt

Hon.
D. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 22 7

Sir.

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, U. S. of this date, in my name, No. 8. 99. for $209.46 coin, on account of parting, refining and bar charges.

Yours Respectfully

Asst

Hon.
S. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

March 23d 7

Sir.

I have your letter of yesterday enclosing a copy of a letter to the Messrs. Seligman & Co. inquiring why that firm had not completed the delivery of 300000 Oz. Silver purchased at 117½ d, in November last.

I can say that it has occurred to me a number of times to call your attention to this uncompleted delivery, but hesitated under the impression that you might have, for prudential reasons, deferred the contract.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Clark
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

March 23 7

Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Deligman wants approximate payment on his silver. Do you authorize it. Your letters do not state.

A. Loud
Superintendent Mint

March 23rd 7

Gentlemen:

Enclosed I hand you checks Nos. 6852 & 6853 for $186.911.80 & $48.000.— Gold Coin, respectively, being payments in full for the first shipment of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, per memorandum enclosed, and on a/c. of 2nd shipment received this day

Please return receipts enclosed duly signed.

Very Respectfully

W. H. Leech

Supt.

Messrs.
J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

March 23d 1

Sir.

I draw this day in favor of J. & W. Seligman & Co. Checks Nos. 6852 for $86.911.80 & 6853 " 18.000 Gold Coin.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 23 /

Sir.

The contents of the Assayers vaults were transferred to the one used in common by himself and Prof. Booth, and Mr. Du Bois' vaults duly appropriated to the storage of redeemed minor coins, but this relief is only partial and temporary. I have therefore made a thorough exploration to see if any additional vault room could be provided in this institution for this purpose; but find it to be impossible to do so. Mr Boyster, the Redemption clerk, has also by my directions

made careful and thorough examination for the same purpose, and submitted a report in writing, which I enclose for your information, showing conclusively that it will be impossible for me to receive and store the redeemed minor coins accumulating in the hands of the various Mint Treasurers of the U. S. I must receive, so long as I can, the minor coins sent direct to the Mint for redemption by private parties; and as this will tax our storage resources to the utmost, I again most earnestly request that directions be given to the Mint Treasurers not to forward any more redeemed minor coins to the Mint for

the present at least I shall have no place to keep them safely; the responsibility of their custody is very great even under the most favorable circumstances, and I suggest that some special place of deposit and safe keeping be provided elsewhere, as the only alternative, under the circumstances.

The amount in vault of all denominations now in our vaults is about $180,000. The daily redemption is great with little or no reissue, so that our vault capacity is hardly equal to the redemption of the coins bank-hoard by outside parties.

With every desire to aid the Government in this work of redeeming the minor coins, and can

only do this to the extent of the facilities furnished). Your knowledge of our vault capacity, and the large amount of silver bullion and coin to be secured, as well as minor coins redeemed, will fully sustain the views I have expressed.

The orders of the Department in the premises, will be carried into effect, if possible.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Mar. 24th 67

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find Chq. No. 6851 in your favor for Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand (220.000) Dollars, being a payment on a/c. for Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from S. O. Bruce Esqr. as per advices under date 13th inst.

Very Respectfully

Asst. Treas.

Messrs. L. von Hoffmann & Co.
New York

Mar. 24th 7

Sir.

I draw this day in favor L. von Hoffmann & Co. Check No. 6851 for $270.000. Coin, in payment for Select Stallion Purchased from S. C. French Esq.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt

Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Insp. G. O.
New York

Mch 24. 7

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending March 24. 1877.

Very Respectfully
Jos Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mar. 24th 7

Gentlemen

In examining your shipment of Silver Bars on a/c of S. O. Shinela, we find the statement to disagree to such an extent that it is almost impossible to make any headway. The last 2 or 4 bars are entirely different from your invoice. Will you oblige us by forwarding without delay, a plain and complete statement of the last mentioned lot, showing the numbers as appear upon the bars?

Very Respectfully

Messrs L. Von Hoffmann & Co.
New York

Supt's

March 21 1861

Sir

Enclosed I forward ~~Certificate~~ of Deposit No 3203 for One hundred and ~~Twenty~~ Seven and 83/100 Dollars, deposited this day with the Asst Treasurer, U.S. at Philada on account of Old Materials Sold as follows –

2098 lbs Old Lead @ 6¢	125,88
Old Brass Copper & Yellow @ 7½	1,95
	$127,83

Please forward the Certificate to its proper destination.

Very respectfully

Jas Follows
Superintendent

Hon A R Lindsman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

March 26 7

To Director of the Mint

Sir

Exonerous.

Pay Freight on Bank Silver, [illegible] to us to day. Answer

James Pollock
Superintendent Mint

March 26 7

To Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Does the Mint pay freight from New York on five hundred thousand ounces Nevada Silver from Bank of New York, to day. Answer soon.

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent Mint

March 26 7

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst has been received.

The Mint has received no bullion from Merrimac, or Newburyport, at least none by that title. About two years ago we assayed a small piece of lead ore from Newburyport, which was found to contain silver $55. per ton, and gold $10. per ton. Since which we have had nothing from that quarter, unless under some other name.

Very Respectfully

J. D. Brown Esq. Agt.
Providence R. I.

March 26 7

Dear Sir

Your watch case
is probably worth six or eight
dollars, but we cannot take
such small amounts.

Respy yours

Jas Pilliard
Jeweler

Mr Jos. R. Tallcott
Grand Gulf
Miss.

March 26 7

Sir.

I herewith enclose for your information, two reports from the Coiner, dated respectively the 19th and 26th inst, with regard to the operations of the Lyons Assorting Machine, so far as we have had an opportunity to test it on half and quarter dollar planchets. It will next be tried on dime planchets, and the result duly reported to you.

This machine seems to be accurate in its operations, but it is so delicate in its structure that it is very liable to get out

of order. It is also so slow in its operations that we would need five or six additional machines to do our work, and for these we have no room. My own conviction is that no more machinery should be ordered until this one now in use has been more thoroughly tested by continuous work, and not then until you have visited the Mint, and scrutinized its operations in person, and satisfied yourself thoroughly as to its permanent reliability and usefulness.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

March 26 7

Sir.

In compliance with a request from Prof. Booth, our Melter and Refiner, I herewith forward a report of the results of his experiments, ab your suggestion, with the 20 gallon porcelain jars made by Richard L. Romney of this City.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Assy

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

March 27th 7

Gentlemen.

Yours with new invoice of Silver Bars, and Gold Coin receipts is received. We are now able to arrange the Silver in such away as to go forward with the Assaying.

We will endeavor to forward a Check in Final settlement the last of the current week.

Yours Respy

J.W. Mackay Supt

Messrs Loon Hoffman & Co.
New York.

March 27 7

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find copy of an order from the Director of the Mint for one set of standard coin weights for the gold and silver coins of the United States. When made you will send them to the Mint to be adjusted, and also send receipted bill, in duplicate, against the Director, to be forwarded to Washington, D. C. for payment.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. Henry Troemner.
Philadelphia.

March 27 7

Dear Sir

In a few days we will send you an article in print, on testing silver coins.

The weights of all our coins, you will find in the last Annual Report of the Mint, pages 44 to 46; for which please write to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Dept., Washington, D.C.

Respy yours

M. E. K. Thom. Jno. Rowe Supt.

Roxbury, Mass.

March 27th 1

Sirs

I have your letter of yesterday announcing the shipment of 411 Bars Silver for a/c Nevada Bank of S. F.

Until an invoice can be furnished me, I cannot safely proceed with the Assaying, and in view of the end of the Quarter being near at hand and a large quantity of unfinished work to be completed prior thereto, I will remit you a Check on Monday next on a/c, and a final one at the earliest moment thereafter.

R. B. Lewis Esq
Cashier of
Bank of New York

Very Respectfully Yours

March 27th 7

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Check No. 6854. For Six thousand three hundred and sixty three 84/100 (6363 84) Dollars, Gold Coin, being in full for Ozs. 49. 613. 36 Std. Silver Bullion Purchased @ 121 3/4 d. Fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Buel
Supt.

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York.

Mar. 27th

Sir.

I draw this day in favor J & W. Seligman & Co Check No. 68554 for Sixty three hundred and sixty three 84 Dollars, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ellwood
Supt

Hon. Thos. D. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 28th 7

Sir.

I have received your letter and invoice of 411 Bags Silver. If at all possible I will remit you a check for a portion of the above mentioned on Saturday next; otherwise on Monday.

Very Respy. Your's

Jos. Ellwood Supt

R. B. Ives Esq

Cashier

Bank of New York

March 28 7

Sir.

I herewith forward the Coiners report of the favorable result of the assorting of 181.000 dime planchets on the Hayes Automatic Machine

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

March 28 7

Sir.

As requested by Mr. Schirmer Assayer in charge, I herewith transmit S/D. of date 27th inst. No. 3204, in his name for $270.05 coin, on account of charges at the Denver Mint for the quarter ending December 31. 1876

Sales enclosed Mint Memorandum No. 371.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 28 7

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 16th inst. I herewith enclose duplicate b/E. a/c with No. 9304. in your name, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $270.05. coin, on account of fearting charges at your Mint for the quarter ending Dec. 31. 1870. the proceeds of the coinage of your unparted gold bar. The original b/E has been forwarded to the Director of the Mint as requested.

I also enclose Mint Memoran-

Respectfully

Deputy No. 371
Jacob R. Schrimpf Jr.
Manager U. S. Mint
Denver

March 28

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 16th inst, I have appointed Miss. Susan Dallas as an Assistant in the Cabinet at $1.70 per diem, on the general roll.

I have also appointed John Smith as a Laborer in the general department, at $2.70 per diem; and submit the same for your approval.

Both these appointments to take effect on Monday, April 2. 1877.

Hon. H. R. Linderman Very Respectfully
Director of the Mint

March 29 ;

Sir.

I have to day received by the Adams Express bo 1,400 grains fine gold and 1,200 grains fine silver specified in your letter of the 28th inst, in payment of test coins, assayed at your office for the months of January, February and March, 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Ellwood
Supt

Thos. A. Dalton, Esq
Supt U. S Assay Office.
New York.

March 29 /7

The following report of the assay of test coins received at this Mint during Feby and March 1877, by the Assayer of the New York Assay Office, has been handed to the Assayer, Melter & Refiner and Coiner.

Denomination.	Weight grains.	Ded.	Fineness gold.	Silver
Double Eagle 1.	515.	95.	899.8	9
do do 2	515.	80	899.9.	10
Trade Dollar	419.	0	Trade.	899.4
Half do 1	193.	75	"	900.4
do do 2	192.	50	"	899.6
Quarter do	97. 1		"	900.6.
Dime	38. 8		"	899.2

James Pollock

Supt

per W.B.P.

March 30 7

Sir.

Your postal card of the 25th inst, offering ten dollars for a U. S. silver dollar of 1804, has been received to day.

The Mint only sells proof coins of the current year, and none of former years. There were not more than half a dozen silver dollars struck in 1804, and you could not go into the market and buy one for less, probably, than about one thousand dollars.

The one in the Mint Cabinet is not for sale.

Very Respectfully

Mr. E. B. Carpenter
Norwood. N. Y.

March 30 7

Madam.

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been received to day.

The small capital letters on U.S. gold and silver coins indicate the Mint at which they were coined. the "S" for the San Francisco Mint, "CC" the Mint at Carson City, Nev, "O" the Mint at New Orleans, and "C" the Mint formerly in operation at Charlotte, North Carolina. Coins struck at the Philadelphia Mint, which was the parent Mint, have no such marks of identity.

The endorsement in your letter is herewith returned. Very Respectfully

Mrs Laura E. Dymond.
Richmond Hill. N.Y.

March 31 7

Sir

The two coins sent by you are French; the larger being of Louis XV., 1852; the other a provincial piece, about which nothing is known, although several have been found. No doubt these were brought over by emigrants to Canada.

Yours truly

J. Wm. Bloch

Jr. Pres.

Mr C. W. Moore
Numismatist, N. Y.

March 31 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Comies Monthly report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for month ending March 31. 1877.

Also, Comies weekly report of Coinage executed, for week ending March 31. 1877

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 31 7

Dear Sir

Your vol. is a good piece, & I do not see why it has been doubled. It has been a good deal rubbed, and stained with nitric acid, on one side.

Yours truly

W. D. Haskon[illegible] J. D. Bruce

Dayton O. Supt P.S.

Col'd Sch. H. School Association

Marked "C.C."

Mar. 21st 7

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith Check No. 6855 in Favor of yourselves or National City Bank, for One Hundred and One Thousand Five Hundred and twenty eight 18/100 (101.528 18/100) Dollars, Gold Coin, being balance due on Purchase of Fine Bullion at 124 fine.

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt

Messrs. Loon Hoffmann & Co
New York

May 31st 7

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6855 in favor of "L. von Hoffmann & Co. or National City Bank" (by special request of above firm) for $101.528.12 Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion Purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kelly
Supt

Hon. Thos. S. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 31 7

Sir

The certificate of deposit of the 28th inst from the First Nat Bank of Baton, Ohio, No. 8817, to your order, for $2,000. for which you request a like amount in silver coin, is herewith returned, it having been sent to the Mint, and endorsed by you to the order of the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, under a misapprehension. The certificate should have been forwarded to the Treasurer U. S. at Washington, D. C. by whom transfer orders are issued to me for the shipment of silver coins from the Mint to

parties remitting funds to him for that purpose.

The Asst Treasurer U. S at Philadelphia has no connection with the Mint.

I have to request that you will acknowledge the receipt of this letter and its endorsed certificate.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

A. A. Dep. Mg

Baton

Ohio

April 2 7

Sir.

At the close of business March 31st ult. I made the usual mothly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold.	$ 1.677.589.86.
Silver	1.028.220.24.
Refining & Parting &c.	191.44
Ordinary &c regular.	24.467.65
Manufacture of Silver coin.	13.581.86
Minor Coinage.	54.225.01
" Coins Exchanged.	4.647.77
" " Reissued.	2.970.00
" Coinage Redemption.	189.140.34
	$ 2992.034.16.

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

Your

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 2nd 1

Sir.

I report the following as the amount of Silver & Bullion on hand (approximately) at the close of business on the 31st inst.

Melter & Refiner Oz. 940.000

Coiner " 300.000

Total Oz. 1.240,000

Very Respy. Yours

Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 5th 1

Sir.

Enclosed please find Check No. 6856 for Five hundred Thousand (500.000) Dollars Gold Coin, being a payment on a/c of a purchase by the Director of the Mint from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Please acknowledge per form enclosed, of Final Check, and statement will be forwarded you, I trust, in a few days.

Very Respectfully

Chief Clerk

Supt.

R. B. Lewis Esq
Cashier, Bank of N.A.
New York.

April 2d 7

Sir.

I draw this day in favor of the Bank of New York, Check No. 6806 for Five hundred thousand (500.000.) Dollars Gold Coin, being a payment on a/c of Silver Bullion purchased from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respy. Your Obt.

Hon. Thos. S. Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
New York

April 2 7

Sir.

Your bid is respectfully requested for the purchase of the following old material at this institution, viz.

Wrought scrap iron 2000 lbs
Scrap copper 200 "

Proposals will be received until Tuesday, April 10. 1877. at 12 o'clock, noon. Terms cash on delivery at the Mint. The above may be examined any day between 9 and 12 A. M.

Very Respectfully

U. S. Mint, Phila.
1624 Lombard St
Phila

Jos. Patterson
Supt

April 2 7

Note

A copy of the foregoing letter requesting bids for purchase of "old material" was sent April 2. 1877, to the following, viz.

Adams & Morris. 960 N. 3 & Ch
J. B. & Burpee. 1624 " 3 & Ch
Jas F. Bradshaw 951 Beach. St
J. B. Cornell. 407 Walnut St
D. S. Cresweld 816 Race St
Saml F. Cresweld 23d & Cherry St
Flagg. Shanley & Co. 218 N. 3d St
Goodell & Waters 151 Hamilton
John Johnson 109 N. 7th St

April 2 7

Sir.

I herewith forward requisition of this date for the sum of $27.000. out of the following appropriations, to meet expenditures for this for the present month of April. 1877.

Salaries	$1.000
Wages	20.000
Incidentals	6.000.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 27

Sir.

Your letter of March 28th was received to day.

The list of ores accompanying it, have been carefully examined, and proved to be merely iron pyrites, and of no value.

Yours Respectfully

Jno. Ruffner

Jr.

Mr.
D. G. Harriman,
Strafford
Vermont.

April 3 77

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co. Ten (10) pair Double Eagle dies from the latest new hub, in full of the balance of your order, for that Mint, of October 12. 1876.

Express receipt enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Asst Cashier

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 8 /

Sir.

I herewith forward for the Secretary's & of this date, in my name, No 02167 for $156.74 coin, on account of fees, refining and bar charges.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.

R. R. Leiderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 2nd 7

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged during March 1877

Also for the Secretary of the Treasury Statement of Minor Coinage Operations during March 1877

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 5th 1

Sir.

There is still due from the Messrs. Seligman & Co. the following amounts of Silver Bullion viz

Op. 3000. @ 121 3/4 ¢

" 100.000. @ 117 7/8 ¢.

The balance due on the November purchase (Op 63000.) has been delivered.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Landis

Supt.

Hon. H.R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 5 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 4th inst received.

Upon the receipt of a remittance from you, nickel coin to an equal amount will, under the circumstances stated in your letter, be forwarded to you from the Mint as heretofore.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs.
Aitkin, Low & Co.
New York.

April 5 7

Sir.

You have been appointed a Laborer in the General Department of the Mint at $2 25 per diem, and will report at once for duty. You will take the enclosed oath of office, and bring it with you.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Snowden
Dir.

Wm.
John Smith
Phila.

April 5 7

Miss. Susan Dallas.

You have been appointed Assistant in the Cabinet of the Mint at $1.75 per diem, and will please report at once for duty.

You will please take the endorsed oath of office before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, or Judges of the Courts, and bring it with you.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

April 5 1

Dear Sir

In replying to your inquiries, I must first correct an error into which many are led by Ground-Rent Deeds, calling for a Silver dollar of 17-3/4, or 414 grains. There never was such a dollar; the true weight before 1837, being 416 grains, and since 1837, 412½ grains. It was fixt at 414 in old Deeds, evidently to allow for a wear of 2 grains.

The fineness of our dollar, by act of 1792, was 892 4/10 parts in a thousand. It ceased to be coined about 1803; some coined till 1837.

In 1837 the weight was made as above, and the fineness 900 parts in a thousand; the reduction of weight, and increase of fineness made it exactly the value of the old dollar.

This dollar ceased by law in 1873, and cannot now be had. Another, called the trade-dollar, of 420 grains, 900 fine, was then instituted; not for legal currency, but for foreign trade.

The foregoing answers all your questions. I may add, the Spanish milled dollar, also obsolete, except the Mexican takes its place, weighs 416½ grains.

Yours truly

A. Loudon
Supt.

George Shaftin Esq.
U.S. Co. Sixth & Chestnut Sts
City.

April 5th 7

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find Checks Nos 6857 & 6858 in your favor for Sixty Five thousand Dollars and Eighty Five thousand Dollars (Gold Coin) respectively, being payments on a/c Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

April 5th 7

Sir.

I draw this day in favor of J. & W. Seligman & Co, Check Nos. 6854 & 6858 for $65.000- & $85.000- respectively.

Very Respectfully

Jas Powell
Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

April 6 /

Gentlemen.

Yours of this date received. All minor coins, of whatever date, are redeemable. The Bronze one cent pieces were first coined in 1864, and have been coined ever since. One cent pieces need not be in 20 cent rolls, but each kind of one cent pieces, the large copper, the nickel, and the bronze - must be in separate parcels, and not mixed together.

Very Respectfully

Yours.

[illegible]

Philada.

April 5 7

Sir.

I have received your telegram of this date in reference to Trade Dollar dies for San Francisco.

I regret to discover that I was mistaken in my impression that your requisition of the 26th of January last had been filled.

I will to-morrow send to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Express Co. twenty (20) obverse and twenty (20) reverse Trade Dollar dies, and forward the remaining ten (10) pair as soon

as they can be furnished.

Very Respectfully

J. [illegible]

Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 5 77

Sir.

I herewith forward our Melter and Refiners statements of Bullion operations and Gold and Silver meltings for the month of March 1877, together with an accompanying note of explanation. The exhibit for the month is very creditable.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 6 7

Sir.

I herewith endose the official oaths of Miss Susan Dallas, assistant in the Cabinet, and John Smith, Laborer in the general department.

Your letter of March 28th appointing these appointments, reached me on the morning of April 4th.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt

Hon.
N. P. Livermore.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 6 7

Dr Sir

A large box of limestone was received from you, with your letter of 2d inst. It is nothing but limestone.

Respy yours

J. W. Byrnes Supt

Mr Aaron Grinter

Mt. Pleasant

Westmoreland Co

Pa

April 6 7

Sir.

I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Company, as per endorsed receipt, twenty (20) ab. nond, and twenty (20) re. nond Trade Dollar dies, in part of yesterdays requisition of January 26 th.

The remaining ten pairs will be forwarded on about a week.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman. [signature]

Director of the Mint

Washington.

April 6 7

Dr Sir

Your mineral is a mixture of iron & sulphur, and is of no value.

Yours respy

Jno Ruel
Supt C.

Mr G. X. Shepherd
Thayer
Neosho Co
Kansas

April 6

Sir.

I herewith forward the Melter and Refiners statement of silver melting for the month of February last, just handed in to me, and which he informs me he had overlooked.

There was not any gold melted during that month.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Wyatt

Assay

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 6 7

Sir.

I have transferred John McKee, Laborer on the general roll at $2.76 per diem, to the boiners roll as Fireman at $2.90 per diem. This last position is in the general department, although on the boiners roll for convenience.

Upon the recommendation of the Engraver, herewith enclosed, I have transferred James M. Curry, Engineer on the boiners roll at $2.90 per diem, to the Engraving department as machinist at $3.00 per diem.

Yours

Send transfers, subject to your approval, to date from April 2. 1877.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Howell
Capt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 7th 7

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c's for Ordinary, Subsidiary Silver Coin & Refining Expenses for March 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Kimball

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 7 77

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly report of coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending April 7. 1877.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Burch

Supt

Hon

S. R. Leiderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 7 7

Sir.

The enclosed statement of Bullion operations in the Melting and Refiners department for the month of February, last should have been forwarded in my letter of yesterday, but was inadvertantly detained in the M & R department.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Loud

Cashr

Hon.
N. R. Leiderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 7 77

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 20th of March last and Department circular No. 41. of March 19th. I herewith forward for the U. S. Treasury Register, 1877, a list of the officers and employes of this Mint, in service on the 1st of April 1877. with their compensation, date of appointment, and place of birth.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Eckert

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 9 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 3d inst. advising me of the issue of Transfer Orders Nos 4491. 4492. and 4493. for the distribution of small silver coins, has been received.

Nos 4492 and 4493 have been presented and paid, but No. 4491 has not been presented, and the Express Co has no knowledge of it.

As the failure to ship may inconvenience the Bank, "the Tradesmens Nat Bank of Pittsburg, Pa," I have deemed it best to acquaint you with the facts.

Very Respectfully
J. C. Clark Cash

Hon. A. U. Wyman.
Treasurer U. S.

April 9 7

Dear Sir

It would cost you seventy dollars to analyse the specimens you sent; but I can save you that expense by assuring you they are of no value. They are very common stones, with a little sulphuret of iron. One piece is zinc, cut off from a bar of that metal.

Yours &c.

Mr
Elliott Stabnaker
Meadowsville
Dorchester Co Md.

Jno. [illegible] Jr.

April 9 7

Sir.

Your instructions of the 7th inst to pay for silver parted from gold on and after the 9th inst, at the rate of one hundred and six cents per ounce standard, in gold coin, have been received, and directions given accordingly.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
R. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 9 7

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 7th inst directing me, until further advised, to purchase silver bullion at the equivalent of the London rate, less ½ per cent [half] per ounce fine.

Now am I to ascertain the London rate? Will the daily quotations by cable as published in our leading commercial newspapers the 'World' 'American' 'Herald' 'Tribune' &c not to what other source of information must I look? And what will be my responsibility if from any cause the quotations as published should

be erroneous,' Please give me specific instructions for my guidance.

In this connection I will thank you for half a dozen copies of your printed "Silver valuations based on London quotations," for the use of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 9 7

Dear Sir

The regular Mint charge for analyzing your two samples is ten dollars. But I can save you the expense by saying that they are of no value — No 1 is a common stone with pyrites, No 2 is a specimen of carbonate of copper.

Yours &c

Jas D Whitney

Asst Geol

Mr Henry Bedford
Hillsgrove.
Sullivan Co. Pa.

April 9 7

Sir.

The mineral specimen accompanying your letter of the 8th inst. has been received and carefully examined. It is simply a good iron ore.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Phillips
Supt

Mr.
J. M. Maddox.
Thayer.
Kansas.

April 9 1

Sir.

In consultation with our Calculator, Mr. Longren, I find that he and Mr. Kirk, and the Book Keeper regard your directions of the 7th inst. for the purchase of Silver Bullion at the equivalent of the London rate as somewhat ambiguous, and ask these questions.

And 1st to calculate the deposit at the quotation price per ounce standard, and then reduce the standard weight to ounces fine, and then deduct one half cent per ounce fine from the value of the deposit?

2. This I answered yes, as I understand your letter, but to

removed their objections and re-assured them, I submit the matter to you for such further instructions as you may think proper.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Powell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Leiderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 9 77

Sir.

I herewith forward Statement of Coin deliveries, and assay coins received for the quarter ending March 31. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Hunt

Asst

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 10th 7

Sir.

I enclose Check No. 6859 to your order for One hundred thirty three thousand two hundred & forty ^{02} (133.240^{02}) Dollars Gold Coin, being the balance due the Nevada Bank of San Francisco for Silver Bullion purchased @ 121½ & fine. viz

509.619.91 Oz fine @ 121½ - $633.240.02

April 3 - Check $500.000.

" 10 Do. 133.240.02

Will transmit a detailed Memo. of Assay during the day.

Very Respectfully

Yours Truly

Supt

R. D. Tenney Esq

Cashier, Bank of New York

April 10th 7

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6859 favor R. B. Ferris, Cashier Bank of New York, for $133-240. Gold Coin.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Young
Capt

How. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

April 11th 7

Sir.

My New York balance is now reduced to the Sum of $76.907.92; from this there is now due for silver under Assay, say $23.000, leaving about $53.000, for advanced on the Ozs. 100 000, to be delivered by the Messrs Seligman @ 117 7/8, on the completion of the present contract at 121 3/4; about 3000 ozs remain. Please give the matter your attention.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. N.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

April 12 7

Sir

At your earliest convenience you will please prepare the following dies for the Mint at Dahlonega.

Double Eagle 6 obverse 6 reverse.
Trade Dollar 20 do 20 do.

Mr. Baird requests that the hubbing of the double eagle dies be made as large as the trade dollar dies.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden

Supt

Wm Barber Esq
Engraver

April 12 77

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing three silver quarter dollars of 1877 for examination, has been received.

The pieces are genuine without anything in their appearance to excite suspicion, and I am at a loss to understand how they could have been doubled.

They are herewith returned as requested.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs.
Martin J. Oppley
Lancaster.
Pa

April 12 7

Sir.

The three boxes of assay coins for the first quarter of 1877, specified in your letter of the 6th of April, inst. were received to day.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

James Crawford Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Cal

April 12 7

Sir.

The "Specimen of metal" enclosed in your letter of the 8th inst and only limestone, and of good quality. They contain nothing metallic.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Supt

Mr.
A. H. Harris.
Abberdeen
Ky.

April 12 7

Sir.

Your requisition of the 11th inst for 6 obverse, and 6 reverse Double Eagle dies, and 20 obverse, and 20 reverse Trade Dollar dies for the Mint at Carson was received this morning, and will be filled in about a week.

The coiners request with regard to the size of the butt ends of Double Eagle dies, will be complied with.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 12 7

Sir

In reference to the assays of foreign gold coins, requested in yours of 10th inst., the Master wishes to know how many pieces of each kind should be taken. No very fair report can be made on less than three pieces. The assays of these would show, not the real average of coins in mass, but an indication of a doubtful faithfulness to the standards. Thus, taking an instance from Belgium, if we find 900.2, & 899.8, we would be justified in reporting 900, and act precisely the finding in the particular case.

Another inquiry arises, how to obtain the pieces; for which a contingency fund will have to be provided; say $200 in gold.

I would suggest that we borrow from the Medal Fund, for this purpose, or any other which you may authorize. The gold will not actually be outside of the Mint, but it will change custody. And probably some little premium will have to be paid, if we search for the coins among the brokers, here or in New York. If you have any facilities for ordering such coins to be sent, it will expedite the business. Most of the pieces you indicate, are rarely bought by depositors. On former occasions, it has even been found necessary to send to Europe for them; especially if late dates (as you require) are to be used.

I may add, we already have recent assays of gold coins of Russia, Sweden and Belgium; and I may say of England and France, somewhat mixed up with older dates. Also, Somewhat mixed up with older dates. Please say whether these need to be repeated.

Very respectfully

Jos. R. Snowden

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director &c &c

April 10 57

Sir

You will please prepare at your earliest convenience, the following dies for the Mint at San Francisco.

Double Eagle, obverse 1.
do do Reverse 1.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Chief

Wm Barber Esq
Engraver of the Mint

April 13 7

Sir.

Your requisition of the 12th inst. for fifteen (15) pair of Double Eagle dies for the Mint at San Francisco, has been received this morning, and will be filled in about one week from this date.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
N. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 10 7

Sir.

Under the authorization by the Secretary of the Treasury, communicated in your letter of the 12th inst, I have directed the manufacture of Trade Dollars to be commenced on Monday next, to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, and will afterwards arrange to keep such stock on hand as will be sufficient to pay Trade Dollar deposits without unnecessary delay. We have no Trade Dollar deposits on hand from the N. Y. Assay office.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman, Director of the Mint.

April 18 7

Sir.

Your telegram of this date to coin one hundred thousand Trade Dollars immediately, has been received, and I have given directions to carry out your instructions to that effect without delay.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pugh
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 19 77

Sir

I herewith forward statement of Gold workings in the Mineral department for the month of January and March 1877, also Silver workings in the same department for the month of March 1877.

The Mined requests a further supply of blanks for his monthly statements of Gold and Silver workings. He is entirely out of them.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Lt Gov

Hon.
R. R. Lindermann.
Director of the Mint.

April 14 7

Sir.

We enclosed certificate of deposit of the 12th inst No. 2915, from the First National Bank of Indianapolis, in favor of Eleston & Low, Crawfordsville, Ind. to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for $1000, on account of subsidiary silver coin, having been sent to this Mint through a misapprehension of the regulations of the Department. I herewith forward it to your office that it may reach its proper destination.

Please acknowledge its receipt.

Very Respectfully
H. Linderman
Acting Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

April 14 7

Sir.

The specie boxes from the Asst Treasurer, U. S. at Cincinnati specified in Asst Secretary Cormicks letter to you of the 13th inst, and your endorsement thereon, will be duly received and returned upon their arrival, and the freight paid out of the "Lighthouse profit fund" as directed.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Actin. Sec'y

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

April 14 7

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending April 14. 1877.

Very Respectfully
R G Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 14 7

Sir

The box of assay coins from your Mint, for the first quarter of 1877, specified in your letter of the 4th inst. was received by express to day.

Very Respectfully
H. G. Hicks
Acting Supt

O. D. La Grange Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

April 16 7

Sir.

I have this morning received the package of blanks for the Coiners monthly statements of Gold and Silver Workings, referred to in your letter of the 12th inst, and have delivered them to their officer.

Very Respectfully
H. Whitlock
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 16 7

Sir.

Your letter of the 11th inst was received to day.

Subsidiary silver coins can only be procured from the Mint in sums of $1,000. or any multiple thereof, not exceeding $1,000. by sending to the Treasurer U. S. at Washington D. C. a certificate from such Treasurer U. S. Designated Depositary, or National Bank designated as a depository of the U. S. that the desired amount in currency, has been deposited to his credit on general account on receipt of which he will direct the assistant Treasurer

silver coin to be sent by
express to any point on any
railroad or steamboat route,
reached by the express companies.

Very Respectfully
H. B. Hickok
Acting Supt

N. B. Goodwin, Esq. Cash.
Contractors.
Clerks

April 16 7

Sir.

I have caused to be forwarded to this Mint, fifty to one hundred copies of Secretary Thurman's printed circular No. 90. of March 20. 1877, prescribing regulations for distributing subsidiary silver coins by the Mint in sums of $1.000 to $10.000. Said circulars will be the most convenient answer and can make to numerous enquiries for information on the subject.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

April 16 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 11th
with cash & bond to day.

Your report & remittance
of $187.16 for nickels and
three cent pieces, noted & cancelled
& bond.

Very Respectfully
H C Hodges
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Geo. W. Roberts & Co
Brooklyn
Iowa

April 16th 1

Gentlemen

I enclose Check Nos 6860 & 6861 in your favor for Ten Thousand and Fifteen 64/100 (10.015 64) Dollars for the former, and Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred & Thirty Four 84/100 (13534.84) Dollars for the latter, all in payment for Silver Purchased

Very Respy

H C Hickok

Supt

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co

New York

April 16th 1

Sir.

I draw this day in favor of Jos. W. Seligman & Co. Check Nos. 6860 & 6861 for $10.015.64 & $13.534.84 each respectively, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respy.

H. Richards

Acting Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York

April 16 7

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of March 27th ultimo, and shall in reply that we buy deposits of silver bullion, and pay for them in U.S. gold coin, less the Mint charges. The price is regulated each day by the price of silver bullion in the London market the previous day, as reported by cable. The quotation to day for instance, is 54 d. per ounce, that is the British standard ounce which is 925 fine; the United States standard ounce being 900 fine, the same as the U.S. gold and silver coins, which are 900 parts pure

metal, and 100 parts alloy.

In buying silver bullion in this way, we deduct one-half cent for each ounce fine (1000) in the deposit. We use the Troy ounce exclusively in buying and weighing bullion. The Spanish or Mexican ounce is equal to 1.03103 troy ounce, or more briefly stated, equal to 1¹⁄₂ troy ounce. A U. S. ounce standard is simply an ounce of bullion nine tenths fine. The troy ounce is so much weight without regard to fineness.

Generally the fine bars from mines vary 995 and over, require no charge for refining. Below that they and bullion to a charge of ¹⁄₂ cent per ounce; and if quite copper, or brittle with lead, may be charged 1 cent per ounce.

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If they contain say 1½ parts per thousand of gold, the gold will be allowed for, the parting charge being 1½ cents. In that case, there is no charge for refining, as above.

The Mint makes subsidiary silver coins, halves, quarters, and dimes, for the U. S. Government only. If you want Trade Dollars at any time, your bullion would be received as a deposit for that purpose, with the addition of a coinage charge of $1.25 per 100 pieces. There is no coinage charge on gold.

The Adams Express Company have an office and agent in the Mint building, to whom you can consign your bullion, with directions for any desired

disposition of the processes.

I enclose some circulars, and may be able in a few days to send you some further printed information.

Very Respectfully

Jos Collins

Supt

L H. Scott. Esq. Sec.
Chihuahua.
Mexico,

(C. C. Address)
El Paso
via Texas
Santa Fe.

April 16 7

Dr Sir

The quarter dollar sent by you, is a genuine piece. Sometimes a slight flaw prevents ringing.

The test of weight (balancing against a good coin) rarely fails to show the character of a coin. Any one can make a beam good enough, with a thin piece of pine wood, 8 or 10 inches long, & wide enough to lay a coin on each extremity.

Yours resp'y

J. B. Simmons Esq
Charleston
So Car

Jos Bullock
Sup't

April 17th 1

Sir

Your proposal of the 9th inst, to take all the Old iron stated in my notice to you at $12.00 per ton of 2240 pounds, has been accepted. You will therefore please call at the Mint at your earliest convenience, and make payment, and take the iron away

Yours respectfully

Superintendent

Mr C. Newcomb
No 1829 Nth 19th St
Philad.a

April 18 7

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 16th inst. has been received.

We never undertake to return bags or boxes to private parties, but did return a number to the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Boston, that had contained mixed coins received from him for redemption. If any of yours and among them, that officer can doubtless inform you, if you call on him.

Very Respectfully

Wm Pollock
Supt

Messrs
G. H. Whittington & Co.
Boston
Mass.

April 18th

Sir.

In reply to your inquiry of yesterday asking for the approximate amount of Silver & Gold on hand on the 14th inst, I have to report as follows: viz

In hands of Superintendent and Melter & Refiner,	$1.422.649.10
Coiner	205.000.
Total	$1.627.649.10

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 18th 1

Gentlemen

Yours of yesterday with enclosures received

Please forward the duplicate receipts for the Checks sent you, as they are required for the files of this Mint.

Very Respy Yours

Jos. Wood
Supt.

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

April 18 7

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst has been received

We do not remember to have received any such work on coinage as you indicate.

About years ago Messrs J. B. Lippincott & Co. No 710 & 712 Market Street, Philadelphia, published a large illustrated work on coins by Mr. Director Snowden. The price, I believe, is $16-

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

J. Y. B. Littlefield Esq

Cambridge

Mass.

April 18 7

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 16th inst has been received

There is no provision of law for the redemption of silver & gold pieces, but the Mint could receive them by weight as bullion, and pay you for them in U.S. gold coin, at so much per oz. U.S. standard (that is, as near nine tenths fine)

The price per ounce fluctuates from day to day, being governed by the London quotations of the previous day. The quotation in the papers this morning is 60¾ d per ounce standard, a trifle over 925 fine. You would probably have 12 or 15

for cent on the silver by the
speculators, but would gain the
premium on the gold coin.

Very Respectfully

Yours

Messrs.
P. K. & W. Small
Boston.

April 19 7

Sir.

We need for the Refinery of this Mint two (2) Gold finishing pots (iron) to have on hand for emergencies, and I will thank you to procure them at your leisure and have them forwarded to me by the ordinary freight lines, sending me duplicate receipted bills by mail, for payment

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ross
Supt

Thos. L. Nelson Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

April 19th 7

Sir

I draw this day Check No 6862 for $40.000 in favor Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co. for c/c. Silver Bullion Purchased

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. Thos. D. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

April 19th 7

Gentlemen

Enclosed Check No. 6862 for Forty thousand (40.000) Dollars, Gold Coin, on a/c. of Silver Bullion purchased @ 117 ⅞ fine.

Please return enclosed receipt in duplicate; also those for the previous payments

Very Respectfully

Jas Ruch
Supt.

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

April 20 7

Sir

We do not wish to sell the coins you mention. No doubt you can sell them to a coin-dealer.

Respy yours

Supt &c

Mr N. Nass.
Chicago
Ill

April 21 7

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst directing the Superintendent to make no further purchases of silver until otherwise instructed, has been received.

Notice has been given to the proper subordinate officer of the Mint accordingly.

Very Respectfully
A. L. Hickox
Acting Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 21 77

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending April 21. 1877.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickox
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 21 7

Sir

There is nothing about the piece of rock sent by you to indicate any value; a slight show of sulphide of iron.

If you wish a certified assay, the Mint charge, five dollars, must be prepaid.

Respy yours

A. C. Hicks

Lieut U.S.

Mr. M. Mills Mexican

Saint Thomas W.I.

April 23 /

Sir.

Your draft of the 19 inst. on Rowland & Co. New York for $4000. for a like amount in silver coin, is herewith returned, it not being the kind of remittance the Treasury Department requires in exchange for silver coins.

I enclose a circular from Secretary Sherman which will show you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Wm Lanahan Esq
Clerk
Mount
Iowa.

April 23 1

Sirs.

Since writing you on the 16th inst. I have received directions from the Secretary of the Treasury, to suspend the purchase of silver bullion until further instructions.

If any of your bullion should arrive at the Mint before this order is countermanded, I could only make returns in Trade Dollars, or fine bars, at your discretion, but these you could doubtless dispose of to Bankers in Philadelphia or New York, at satisfactory rates.

L. S. South. Esq. &c. &c. Very Respectfully
Chicago Ind. Mint

April 23d 7

Sir.

I report the following as the amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business on the 21st inst.:

In hands Melter & Refiner	Ozs.	1.551.444 40
Do. Coiner		197.000.
Total	Ozs.	1.748.441 440

Very Respy Your
Obt Servt
Supt.

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 24 47

Sir.

I have to request that you will please make a requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in gold coin, to meet expenses of the Refinery for the current month, April.

An early remittance of the amount is very desirable.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 24th 7

Sir

I draw this day Checks Nos 6863 & 6864 in favor of J & W. Seligman & Co. for $70.76 30 and $30.000 each respectively

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. Thos Hillhouse
Asst Treas. U.S.
New York

April 24th 7

Gentlemen

I enclose check No. 6863 for Seven thousand and Seventy six 30/100 (7076 30) Dollars in payment in full for 39.937. 47 Fine Ozo. Silver Bullion. Also Check No. 6864 for Thirty thousand (30000.) Dollars, on a/c of last delivery.

Very Respectfully
Supt

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

April 26th 7

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No 6865 for Seventy one hundred and one $\frac{32}{100}$ ($7101 $\frac{32}{100}$) Dollars, Gold Coin, in full payment for 31.475. $\frac{14}{100}$ fine Ozs. Silver Bullion purchased from you by the Director of the Mint at 117 $\frac{7}{10}$ d fine.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Ewer
Supt

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

April 26th 1

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6865 favor J. H. Seligman & Co. for $7.101.32 Gold Coin in payment for Silver Bullion purchased

Very Respectfully
Your Obt
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

April 26 /

Sir:

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, 6/s of this date No. 0200 in my name, for 857/16 coin, on account of Parting, refining and bad charges.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
A. R. Lindsman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 27 77

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 26th inst. Mr. Thompson, the Mint Agent of the Adams Express Company, informs me that the transportation on $10,000. subsidiary silver coin, forwarded March 5. 1877. to the First National Bank at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on Transfer order No. 7279 was paid to Leadville, Colorado, the Southern terminus of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. The distance was 2124 miles, and the amount, at one cent per mile, per thousand, $212.40. Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

J. W. Pollock Esq

April 27 7

Sir.

Enclosed I forward a sketch for a fifty dollar gold piece prepared by our Engraver in response to your verbal request. I also enclose Mr. Barber's letter to me in reference to the same.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
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Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 27 /

Sir.

I enclose herewith a letter from the bonded asking permission to employ for one month Mr. Adolph Weckmann for the special purpose therein stated. I have granted the permission and now submit the same for your information and approval.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Bruce

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 27 7

Sir.

I herewith return A. M. Kennedy's letter to you of April 6. which you handed me when here this week, in which he complains of the charge by the Mint, 50 cents each, for manufacturing badges or medals for the veterans of the war with Mexico.

The price charged Mr. Kennedy was the net cost of the materials and labor employed, and which did not leave any margin of profit whatever to the Government.

The character of Mr. Kennedy's letter compels me to discontinue

the manufacture of these badges
and I beg to request that
he be notified to send for
the dies and take them away.

Enclosed I forward the
official testimony of our board
and Engraver with regard to
the dies changed. Mr. Barber
letter is very suggestive, and
justly so.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Hon.
W. R. Winchester
Secretary of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Telegram)

April 27 7

Samuel Reed.

Portsmouth. Ohio.

Assays cannot be made under two weeks, charge, five dollars each specimen prepaid. Inspection shows no trace of gold.

J. W. Powell
Superintendent.

April 27 7

Sir.

At the Solicitors request I herewith forward a correct statement of his Salary Earnings for the month of March last, to be substituted for the one heretofore transmitted.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
W. H. Lindsay
Solicitor of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 27 /

Sir

I regret to announce the death yesterday afternoon, of Mr. John M Lurgren, for many years the esteemed and conscientious cashier of Lafayette at this place. He had been ill at home for the last ten days, and fainted suddenly after being taken down. His last hours, you will be glad to know, were tranquil and happy. His mind was clear to the last and he died in the full assurance of a blessed immortality.

I have therefore and

appointed Oliver B. Jones, (now Register at $1,600. per annum) to the vacancy caused by the death of Langford, deceased, at the salary fixed by law, to take effect May 1, 1877, and submit the same for your approval.

Mr. Jones has for several years past performed the Langford duties during any temporary absence, and his sick illness, and is now in charge of his desk. In the performance of these special duties I have found Mr. Jones to be careful and accurate, and he understands that in accepting into this vacancy he is upon trial, and his continuance in that position will depend entirely upon the satisfactory

discharge of the duties of that responsible desk.

I presume it is expected that Mr. Jones will give a new Bond in the same amount as Mr. Longren's, which I think was in the sum of $4,000. and I will thank you to forward the necessary blanks.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Fowler
Supt

Hon.
A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 27 7

Sir

I to day received your letter of the 26 th inst in reference to a proposed arrangement by the Department to purchase either Bullion through the Mint at Denver, and communicated the same, as directed by you, to our Assayer and Refiner Mr. Booth together with the copy of Messrs Schirmer Letter to you of March 22 d.

I herewith forward Mr. Booths report upon the questions submitted in your letter, which seems to me to meet the ground properly, provided the consignments of Bullion

from

to be as represented.

Very Respectfully

J. L. Ellicott
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Leiderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 28 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coinage Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending April 28. 1877.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Asst

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 28 7

Sec.

I have made the following appointments in the Coiners Department, to take effect upon confirmation, and submit the same for your approval.

Miss. Mary M. Yeager, and Mrs. Mary J. Bonsall, to be Adjusters, at $4.00 per diem, each. The Coiners nomination of these ladies is herewith enclosed.

I have also, in compliance with your special request, increased the compensation of Frank L. Herring, Deposit Melting Room, in the Melter and Refiners Department, from

$1,00 & $2,00 per diem. This increase to take effect May 1st 1877; with a renewal of the original understanding that Mr. Herring's appointment is only temporary.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Elliott
Lieut

Hon.
W. R. Leiderdorf
Secretary of the Navy
Washington
D.C.

April 28th 7

Sir

In compliance with your request I called on Mr. Freeman in relation to new Scales for the Deposit Melting Room.

He proposes to furnish one of their very superior balances with latest improvements, of 5000 gr capacity, including a set of solid brass U. S. Standard Weights, from 5000 gr to 1/10 gr, and the balance to be placed in position at the Mint; for a fifteen hundred and fifty dollars ($1,550)

Shall I make the Contract?

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

April 20 1837

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst. with regard to a larger supply of Trade Dollars for the Assay Office at New York, and the acceptance by this Mint of standard silver from the Assay office, for that purpose, instead of fine silver, was duly received.

The number of Trade Dollars required - one hundred and fifty thousand - will be furnished as soon as possible after the specific consignments of bullion shall have been received

That portion of your letter
desiring the Mint to receive
standard silver from the Assay
Office, to be converted into Trade
Dollars, I have submitted to
our Melter and Refiner, & inclosed
herewith I forward his reply,
to which I invite your attention,
together with a copy of his official
testimony upon this subject
under date of October 20. 1876,
both of them cogent and conclu-
sive documents that will com-
mend themselves strongly to
your official judgment. If
we cannot receive bullion
of the right quality, it is clear
that we cannot possibly turn
out good coin with the prompt-
ness and certainty that we
all desire, and that you would
otherwise have a right to ask

To relax the rule now which, from the necessity of the case, you wisely established requiring gold instead of so called standard silver to be sent to us from the Assay office, would, I fear, embarrass our operations, and disappoint your own expectations. I earnestly hope you will make no change in the regulations on this point.

The Melter and Refiners letter of October 20. 1876. to the Superintendent was forwarded to you Oct 20. 1876. and its consideration together with the letter of the Superintendent forwarding the same, led to the adoption of the existing regulations. The whole subject is respectfully submitted to you.

Very Respectfully

Hon. W. A. Richardson.
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 30 7

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst. I have to day forwarded the following dies to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson by the Adams Express Company.

Double Eagle 6 obverse. 6 reverse.
Quarter Dollar 20 do. 20 do.

We complained with the request of the Coiner of that Mint, the bulk and size of the Double Eagle dies should been made as large as the Quarter Dollar dies.

Duplicate Express receipt inclosed.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Director of the Mint

Jas. Pollock Supt

April 80 7

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for April 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Eckert
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 30 7

Sir.

Mr. Henry Trammel, of this city, has completed the set of standard coin weights, ordered in your letter of March 26th, and after being duly adjusted at the Mint, by Mr. Longstreet, I have to day forwarded them to you by the Adams Express Company, whose receipt I herewith enclose.

I also enclose, for payment Mr. Trammel's bill, in duplicate, for the weights, $18.

Very Respectfully

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

J. Ross Snowden
Supt

30th April 1

Sir

The value of your $16.75 burnt cinders $16.50. I enclose a post office order for $16.50 expense of P. O. order 10 cents.

The rule of the Mint is to refuse deposits of less value than $100. We do this as a personal accommodation.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Henry Russell Esq.
Coast Master Morristown
St Lawrence Co.
N. York

April 30th

Sir.

I report this day the balance of Silver Bullion on hand, as follows Viz:

In hands of Melter & Refiner Oz 1.576.021.60

Do Coiner 231.000

Total Oz 1.807.021.60

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon. A. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 30 7

Sir.

At the close of busin ss this day I made the usual month ly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the cash r of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold	$ 768,050.50
Silver	1114.071.09
Refining & Parting Dpt.	863.57
Ordinary & regular	20,392.92
Manfr of Silver coin.	11.280.95
Minor Coinage	54.205.24
" coins exchanged	4.667.54
" " reissued	13.290.00
" Coinage redemption.	226.605.07
	$2216.176.88

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, in its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 1st

Sir.

In compliance with your instructions under date of the 30th ult. I forward to day to your address the sum of $152.00 in Am. S.f. Coin, being the Express charges as set forth in your letter.

I enclose a warrant for the above amount, which please have Mr. Elton's sign as President, and return the same for my accounts.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ewell

Supt

Hon. N. R. Lindenmuller
Director of the Mint
Washington DC

May 1. 7

Sir.

I herewith forward the official oath, dated to day, of Oliver B. Jones, Calculator of Deposits in the general department of this Mint.

His official Bond will be filed as soon as it can be returned from the residence of his sureties, (Hon. John B. Packer) Lunbury, Pa.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

May 1st

Gentlemen.

I enclose Checks Nos 6867 & 6868 in your favor for Thirty three Thousand Six hundred & twenty one 83/100 (33.621 83) Dollars and Thirty Six hundred and thirty six 14/100 (3636 14) Dollars each respectively, in final settlement for Silver Bullion Purchased.

I have to call your attention to an error in your invoice as to bar No. 250, U.S.A.O. Ney. The bar weighs Ozs 847.20 while you invoice it Ozs 890.47.

Messrs J.H. Seligman & Co. New York

Very Respectfully Yours

Asst Supt

May 12th 7

Sir.

I draw this day in favor of J & H. Seligman & Co. Checks Nos. 6867 & 6868 for Thirty three thousand six hundred and twenty one 83/100 ($33.621.83) Dollars, - and Thirty six hundred & thirty six 14/100 ($3636.14) Dollars each respectively in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
for Treas'r
Sup't

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas'r U.S.
New York

May 1

Sir.

I this morning received your letter of April 30th informing me that you had ordered for this Mint a second adjusting machine of Messrs. Lyon & Co. and directing where it should be located in the Coining Room.

I immediately furnished a copy of your letter to our Coiner, Mr. Eckfeldt, who has sent me a written communication, in reply, which I herewith enclose for your information, suggesting several material improvements that our experience here has proved to

be essential, and that should be incorporated in the second machine now ordered.

These suggestions meet my hearty approval, and I have directed that drawings and specifications of the proposed alterations shall be prepared for your own use and the guidance of the manufacturers.

These diagrams will be ready by tomorrow and will be forwarded to you by the next mail after they are completed.

It was my own conviction from the first, that the planchets should be adjusted before being milled instead of after.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ross Snowden

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

May 1 7

Sir.

I have to day forwarded the following dies to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, by the Adams Express Co. as per enclosed duplicate receipt.

Double Eagle. 1 obverse, 1 Reverse ordered in your letter of the 12th of April. 1877.

Dime, Ten (10) spare Trade Dollar dies; being the balance of your order of the 26th of January. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Jos. M. Wood
Supt

May 2. 1877.

The following report by the Assayer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, of the assay of test coins received at this Mint during April 1877, has been handed to the Coiner, Assayer, and Melter & Refiner.

Denomination.	Weight grs. Dec.	Fineness gold.	Silver
Trade Dollar	420. 5.	.1	899.7
Half do	198. 2	.0	900.1
Quarter do	95. 7	.1	899.4

James Pollock
Supt
per W.B.P.

May 2 7

Sir.

Your sight draft of April 28th No. 32170, on the Central Nat Bank of New York, for $4000. for a like amount of silver coin, was received this morning, and is herewith returned, it not being the kind of remittance the Government requires in exchange for subsidiary silver coin. The enclosed circular from Secretary Sherman will show you how to proceed. It would be well for you to specify the denomination of coin you desire, whether half quarters or dimes, and what proportions of each.

Very Respectfully

L. T. Heritage, Esq. Cas.
Emporia, Kansas